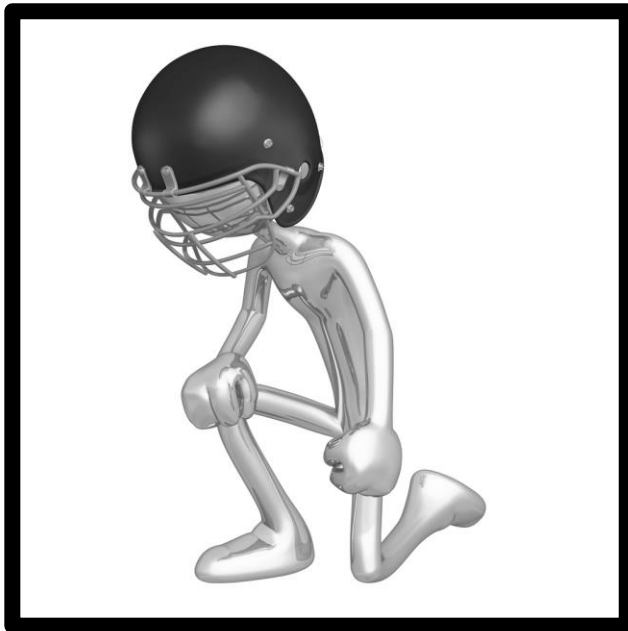




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## "Taking a Knee"



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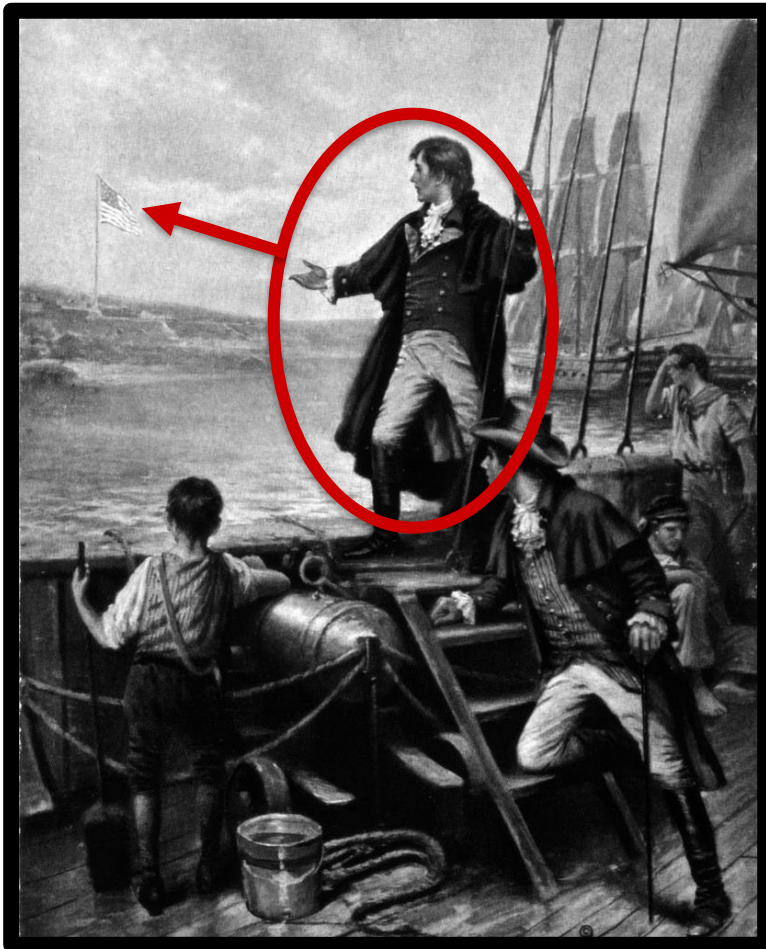


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The Star- Spangled Banner is a song. It is the National anthem for the United States.



The song is about the United States flag. It is also about being proud to be American.



The song was written a long time ago. It was written by Francis Scott Key.



The Star-Spangled Banner is played before important events. It shows respect for the United States.

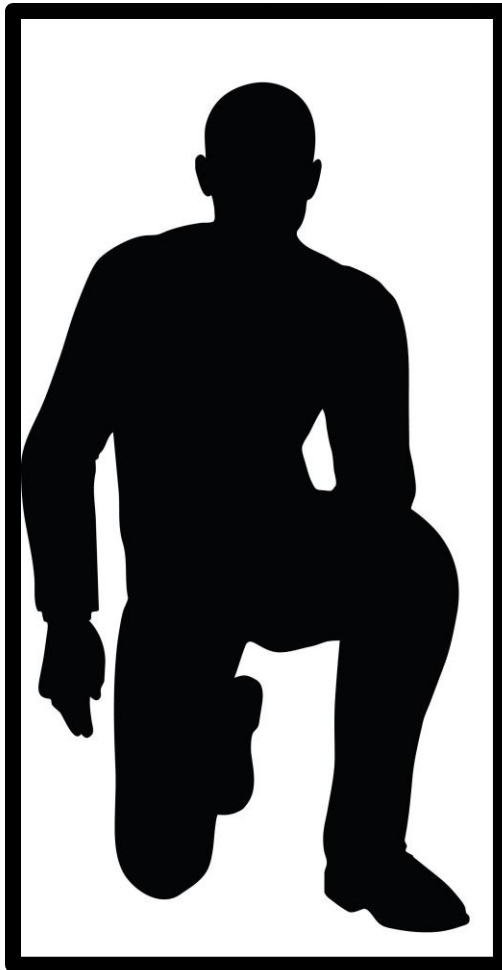


When the Star-Spangled Banner is played, people stand up. They face the flag. They put their right hand over their heart. Some people sing along.



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The Star-Spangled Banner is always played before NFL football games. The players face the flag. They put their hand over their heart.



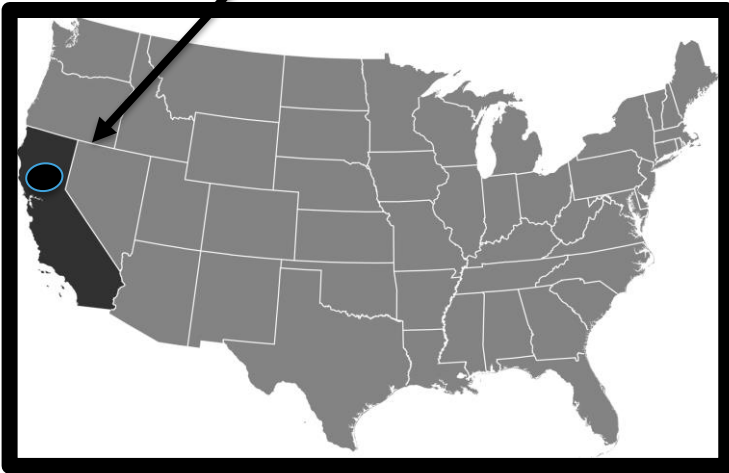
When people go down on their knee, and do not stand during the anthem, that is called "taking a knee".



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Sometimes people "take the knee". They do that when they do not like something happening in the United States.

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An NFL player named Colin Kaepernick played for the San Francisco 49ers. He "took a knee" because he was upset about racism.

President Trump does not want NFL players to "take the knee". He said it is disrespectful.

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On September 23rd, President Trump said that NFL players should get fired if they don't stand during the anthem.

That made a lot of NFL players angry at the President. A lot of football players decided to "take the knee".



Some Americans are mad at the football players for "taking the knee". They say it is disrespectful.



Some Americans think that the football players should be able to "take a knee" if they want to. It's freedom of speech.



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