

PATRIOTIC POEMS ASSESSMENT

Name _____

Read *An American Soldier*, by Mary Hamrick in Section C2 of the text and answer the following questions:

1. What do you think this poem was written about?

2. What do you think the author meant with this line?
*“There is no final solution for wretched man,
only a quest for good fellows to defy them.”*

Read *God Save the Flag*, by Oliver Wendall Holmes in Section C2 of the text and answer the following questions:

3. What does this line refer to? *“Washed in the blood of the brave and the blooming,
Snatched from the altars of insolent foes,
Burning with star-fires, but never consuming,
Flash its broad ribbons of lily and rose.”*

4. What do you think this means? *“Borne on the deluge of all usurpation,
Drifted our Ark o’er the desolate seas,”*

5. Why do you think so many people express their feelings about their country, their flag, and their military in poetry?
