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Banner Beginnings Answer Key

Answer Key (Sample Answers)

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| 1. colonies | 7. loyalty |
| 2. nation | 8. sewing |
| 3. stripes | 9. hand |
| 4. field | 10. states |
| 5. stars | 11. star |
| 6. purity | 12. unity |

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Vocabulary, **context clues**, and **reading comprehension** through cloze passage completion.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide a **word bank** for younger students or those needing extra support.
 - Challenge advanced students to create their own Flag Day cloze story using similar sentence structures.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Read the completed story aloud with students and discuss what each color of the flag represents.
 - Have students illustrate the story by drawing their version of the flag described.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Invite students to write a short paragraph explaining what their personal flag would look like and what its symbols would mean.
 - Pair this worksheet with a hands-on craft-students can design mini flags using paper, fabric, or recycled materials to reinforce the story's meaning.
 - Link with history lessons by exploring how the number of stars on the flag has changed over time.