

## Threads Of Freedom Answer Key

### Sample Responses

1. Betsy Ross and Francis Hopkinson.
2. She suggested using five-pointed stars instead of six-pointed ones.
3. His contributions are often overshadowed by the more famous Betsy Ross story.
4. It means that many people contribute to major events, even if only one name is remembered.
5. It shows that the flag's creation was a shared effort that united people in building a new nation.
6. Stories like Ross's stay popular because they capture imagination and reflect national pride, even when historical details are uncertain.
7. Ordinary people can shape history through creativity, dedication, and small acts that inspire generations.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For younger readers, summarize key points with visuals (e.g., images of Betsy Ross and early flags).
  - For older or advanced students, assign a short research task comparing the Betsy Ross legend to verified records.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Have students design their own symbolic flag representing class values (e.g., honesty, courage, teamwork).
  - Discuss how storytelling shapes national identity and what "hidden history" means.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Research another unsung historical contributor and write a short paragraph about their impact.
  - Compare how the flag's meaning has evolved from the 1700s to today.