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Banner Of Bravery

Directions: Read the passage below carefully. Then, place the three historical events in the correct chronological order. Write a short summary (1-2 sentences) explaining why each event was important to the story of the American flag.

The Story of the Flag's Growth

The journey of the American flag tells the story of a growing nation. In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress approved the first Flag Resolution, declaring that the flag should have thirteen red and white stripes and thirteen white stars on a blue field. Each star represented a colony, shining together in unity.

Years later, in 1814, the flag inspired the poem that became "The Star-Spangled Banner." During the Battle of Fort McHenry, American soldiers saw the flag still waving at dawn after a long night of British attacks. That sight filled Francis Scott Key with such pride that he wrote words celebrating the flag's endurance and the nation's courage.

Finally, in 1959 and 1960, two new stars were added-first for Alaska and then for Hawaii-marking the growth of the United States to fifty proud states. The modern flag, with its shining field of stars and bold stripes, stands as a living timeline of the country's history.

Your Task: List the three events in **chronological order** below, and summarize each one in your own words.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____
