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The History behind the Songs

Critical Thinking Questions:

(Remember to use evidence from the text to answer the questions and write your answers in complete sentences.)

1. What inspired poet Katharine Lee Bates to write the opening lines to “America the Beautiful”?

2. Do you think that Bates became wealthy by selling her very popular song?

3. What song was America’s unofficial national anthem until 1931?

4. What inspired Samuel Francis Smith to write “America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)?
