

Read the passage. Then answer the following questions.

Francis Marion

In 1780, the war was going badly for the Patriots, especially in the South. When the British captured Charleston, South Carolina, Francis Marion was one of the few officers who escaped. Marion knew something had to be done. He gathered about 200 of the best men he could find and formed a team.

Francis Marion counted on speed and bravery to fight the larger British forces. He moved his **band** through South Carolina's thick woods and swamps. From there, they would begin a surprise attack on the Redcoats, and then disappear back into the murky swamps. From then on, Marion was known as the Swamp Fox. Marion's team helped win the final battles of the war.

Marion spent many years after the war serving on the South Carolina Senate and died on his plantation in 1795. His children continued to name their male children after him, including Marion or Francis in their names until the 1900s.

Discuss

1. Based on the passage what is most likely true?
 - a. Without Marion, the Revolutionary War would have been harder to win.
 - b. The British were very tired and went home.
 - c. Francis Marion died during the Revolutionary War.
 - d. Francis Marion was never able to go to Charleston.

2. What source would contain the **most** information about the Revolutionary War?
 - f. the Washington War Monument
 - g. an encyclopedia
 - h. an atlas
 - i. a dictionary

3. What does **band** mean in this passage?
 - a. musicians playing together
 - b. people joined together for a job
 - c. a flat strip of metal to strengthen something
 - d. to wrap or cover something