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Throughout maritime history, Lighthouses have shined their powerful, sweeping lights through the fog and storms, allowing ships of all kinds to find their way back to port during inclement weather. On August 7, 1789, the government recognized the importance to ships at sea to find safe harbor during fog and storms, and through an Act of Congress, the Federal Government took over responsibility for building and operating our nation's lighthouses. Over the years, lighthouses have saved many ships, and an untold number of lives.

1. What day did the government take over responsibility of the nation's light houses? _____
2. Light houses are never used during fog. TRUE FALSE
3. What is the main idea of the paragraph?