“Song of Marion’s Men”
Document Examination Guide

Before Reading the Document, answer these questions.

1. What type of writing is this? **Poem**
2. Who is the author of this piece? **William Cullen Bryant**
3. When was it written? **1794-1878**
4. When was the Revolutionary War fought? **1775-1783**
5. Is the writer writing from his/her own experience or someone else’s? **Writing from someone else’s experience**

Read the questions below before reading. Think about them while you read. Then answer after reading.

6. What does this writing tell us about the memory of Francis Marion?
   **It tells us that they had low provisions.**

7. What does it tell us about the memory of his militia?
   **They were brave and loyal with Marion.**

8. In what kind of conditions were they living?
   **They were in the forest under a tree sleeping on boughs.**

9. Do you think the author thinks Marion is heroic? How do you know?
   **Yes, because it says stop the British.**