

Writing Majulah Singapura Beautifully

An activity of "Zubir Said: the man who loved music – and his country"

Read "Zubir Said: the man who loved music — and his country" (page 20, *What's Up* September 2021). Pak Zubir was tasked with the difficult challenge of composing a song that was stirring, yet simple enough for all Singaporeans to remember and sing easily. After much hard work, he composed *Majulah Singapura*, a stirring anthem which has only eight sentences and 25 words. Let's take a look at the national anthem of Singapore.

1. Visit this website:

- <https://www.nhb.gov.sg/what-we-do/our-work/community-engagement/education/resources/national-symbols/national-anthem>.

2. Look for the English translation of *Majulah Singapura* on the website. Write it down below:

Malay	English translation
Majulah Singapura	_____
Mari kita rakyat Singapura	_____
Sama-sama menuju bahagia	_____
Cita-cita kita yang mulia	_____
Berjaya Singapura	_____
Marilah kita bersatu	_____
Dengan semangat yang baru	_____
Semua kita berseru	_____
Majulah Singapura	_____
Majulah Singapura	_____

3. Select a favourite phrase from the national anthem. Circle the phrase in the anthem above. Explain why you like it best.

4. Watch the following video:

"How to Write Calligraphy with Any Pen"

➤ <https://youtu.be/wBIPJqUCMws>

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- Using the basic calligraphy tips from the video, write out your favourite phrase in Malay from the national anthem.

