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Statue of Liberty

Symbol of Freedom

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The Statue of Liberty stands tall in New York Harbor. She is a symbol of liberty around the world! The statue was a gift from France. The French wanted to show their friendship to the United States. They also wanted to show their belief in liberty.



French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi designed the statue. He hoped to deliver the statue by July 4, 1876. That date was the 100th birthday of the United States. The French and the Americans shared in the effort. The French would build the statue. They would also put it together. The Americans would build a pedestal for the statue.



Bartholdi worked with an engineer. His name was Gustave Eiffel. He was



Perseverance!



Integrity



Accomplishment!

Self-Control!



already famous for building iron railroad bridges. He would later build the Eiffel Tower in France. Eiffel designed the framework for the statue. You could call it a “skeleton!” Bartholdi used copper sheets for the “skin.” The copper sheets were hammered into different shapes. Then they were mounted onto the skeleton. The copper sheets were less than the thickness of two pennies!

Pride

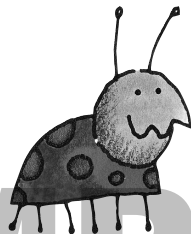


The statue was completed in June 1884. She stood in Paris for about a year. She was taken apart for shipment to the United States.



There were 350 pieces packed in 214 crates! She arrived in New York Harbor in June 1885. The pedestal was not ready until almost a year later!

Honesty

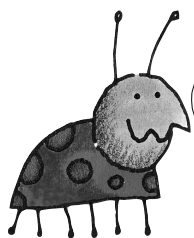


You have to start at the bottom...

Visitors can reach the Statue of Liberty by ferry. At one time, visitors could climb up into the crown. Today, visitors can only walk into the pedestal. The statue was closed for almost three years after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.



The Statue of Liberty welcomed immigrants sailing into New York Harbor. The sight of it often brought tears to their eyes! American soldiers were happy to see it as they returned from war. This symbol of the United States represents our freedom!



I hope I can contribute as much during my life!

I'm sure you will!



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Tolerance

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-mendous Trivia!

The copper statue is now green! That's due to oxidation—a chemical reaction between metal and water.



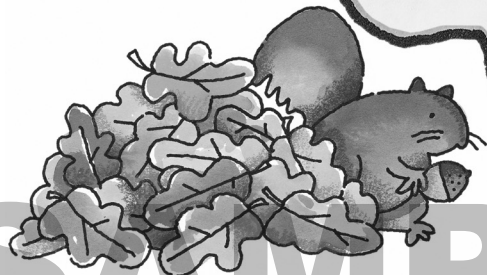
Whee! I feel like I'm hang-gilding!

France has its own "mini" Statue of Liberty! A smaller version of the statue is on an island in the river Seine.

If the Statue of Liberty had a shoe size, her sandals would be size 879!

Do squirrels eat ladybugs?!

The Statue of Liberty's right arm is 42 feet long!





Pop Quiz!



1. Where is the Statue of Liberty?
 - A. Boston Harbor
 - B. Mississippi River
 - C. New York Harbor
2. What does the statue symbolize?
 - A. freedom
 - B. money
 - C. education
3. When was the statue unveiled in the New York?
 - A. 1876
 - B. 1850
 - C. 1886
4. What is the statue made of?
 - A. aluminum
 - B. copper
 - C. steel
5. What words are on the tablet in the statue's left hand?
 - A. Liberty for All
 - B. July 4, 1776
 - C. God Bless America

Pop! Goes
the ladybug!
Ha-ha!



Did You Know ...

- 1.** The Statue of Liberty has a shoe size of 879?
- 2.** The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France?
- 3.** The Statue of Liberty arrived in the United States in 214 crates?
- 4.** Lady Liberty stands on broken chains?

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