

THE ARM OF LIBERTY



The Statue of Liberty is probably the most famous icon of the USA. It was built to celebrate the end of slavery, and later became a symbol for freedom among immigrants. The statue depicts Libertas, the Roman goddess of liberty. And the torch she carries high above her arm represents a light that guides people along the path to freedom. This statue is not only the tallest statue in America, but it is also one of the most recognizable American symbols.

The statue was a gift from France to the United States, given in 1886 to celebrate the friendship between the two countries. The idea for the statue came from a French poet, Édouard de Laboulaye. When the American Civil war ended, he wanted to commemorate the end of the slave trade with a gift. He and other people who opposed slavery raised money and hired a sculptor, Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi, to design the statue. The statue's internal structure was designed by the famous engineer Gustave Eiffel, who is also known for designing the Eiffel Tower. Together, Bartholdi and Eiffel ensured the statue was both beautiful and structurally strong.

The statue shows a woman holding a torch in her right hand and a book in her left hand. The torch represents light and hope, and the book has the date "July 4, 1776," the day the United States declared its independence.

Visitors can take a ferry to Liberty Island to see the statue up close. There is also a museum where people can learn about the history and construction of the statue.

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Reading Comprehension (7 marks)

I. Choose the correct answer (2 marks)

1.- What does the torch in the statue's right hand symbolize?

- A) Power
- B) Strength
- C) Friendship
- D) Hope and light

2.- Who designed the internal structure of the Statue of Liberty?

- A) Gustave Eiffel
- B) Édouard de Laboulaye
- C) Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi
- D) The United States government

3.- What does the date "*July 4, 1776*" on the statue's book represent?

- A) The end of the American Civil War
- B) The date the statue was completed
- C) The day France gifted the statue to the U.S.
- D) The United States' Declaration of Independence

4.- What can visitors do at Liberty Island?

- A) Walk to the top of the statue
- B) Visit a museum about the statue
- C) Take a boat ride around New York
- D) Visit a library about American history

II. Are these statements TRUE or FALSE? Justify your answers based on information from the text, rewriting the original sentences in your own words or quoting properly (2 marks)

1. The Statue of Liberty was constructed to welcome immigrants to the USA.

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2. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the United States to France.

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III. Answer the following questions according to the information given in the text. Write complete sentences using your own words. Do not copy from the text (2 marks)

1. Who does the Statue of Liberty represent?

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2. Why did Édouard de Laboulaye propose creating the statue?

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IV. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 mark)

Well-known, popular

Liberty, independence

Present, offering

Honor, commemorate

Guest, tourist

Writing (3 marks)

Write an answer to one of the questions below (80-100 words).

1. Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence.

“Freedom is on the other side of fear...”

Write your story.

2. Yesterday in your History class, your teacher read an article about slavery, that said:

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MODERN SLAVERY

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Kate Mansley Assistant Editor

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Then, she asked:

Do you think there is still slavery today?
 What types of modern slavery can you think of?
 Whose responsibility is it to end slavery?

Write an opinion text answering your teacher's question.