

Read the passage about the Statue of Liberty and answer the questions that follow.

The Statue of Liberty

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Welcome!

- 1 Many people have come from other countries to live in the United States. Some come to find new jobs. Others are looking for a better way to live. All of them want to be free.
- 2 For more than 100 years, the Statue of Liberty has greeted newcomers as they sail into New York Harbor. It gives hope to everyone who dreams of freedom.

A Gift from France

- 3 The people of France have been friends with the people of the United States for a long time. One man from France wanted to share his love of freedom by giving the United States a gift. That gift was a huge statue. The statue would show the friendship between the two countries.

Making the Statue

- 4 A French artist named Frédéric Bartholdi had the job of making the statue. He began making small models out of clay in 1875. He pictured the statue as a woman who was holding a torch high in the air. He made the statue's face look like his mother's face.



5 The statue was made of copper, iron, and steel. Lots of people helped make the giant statue. Bartholdi worked with builders who knew how to make large things.

6 The right hand and torch were the first parts that Bartholdi finished. He sent these pieces to Philadelphia in 1876 for a special fair. The fair was for the 100th birthday of the United States. At the fair, people could climb a ladder to the torch. Everyone was excited because people were able to go inside the statue.

7 Back in Paris, they finished the statue in 1884. Lady Liberty, another name for the statue, is 151 feet tall from its feet to the tip of its torch.



A Grand Party

8 On October 28, 1886, the French people presented the Statue of Liberty to the people of the United States. People from all over the world came to see it. Bartholdi was there. The president of the United States was there, too.

9 Many people watched the party from boats floating in New York Harbor. There were parades, and some people gave speeches.

10 What a great day for freedom!

Liberty Still Stands

11 Many years passed, and the statue started to look old. In 1980, the people of the United States decided to repair the statue and make her look new again. Everyone helped by giving money. Workers replaced the rusty parts and they cleaned the inside and outside of the statue. They even put in new elevators.

12 When the work was done in 1986, there was a big party for the statue's 100th birthday. Even the president was there. The people at the party watched fireworks and heard speeches.

A Reminder of Freedom

- 13 Liberty Island is the place where the statue stands. Each year many people go there to see the Statue of Liberty. It reminds them how good it is to be free.
- 14 The Statue of Liberty is an amazing sight. It reminds us that freedom is important for people all over the world.

Important Dates for the Statue of Liberty

