

The Statue of Liberty stands tall on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. It was a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States and is a symbol of freedom and democracy. The statue was designed by a French sculptor named Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi and dedicated on October 28, 1886.

The statue is made of copper and coated with a green patina, a thin layer that forms when copper is exposed to the weather for a long time. Inside the statue, there is an iron framework designed by Gustave Eiffel, the same engineer who built the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The statue, including the pedestal and the torch, stands at a height of 305 feet.

One interesting fact about the Statue of Liberty is that her full name is "Liberty Enlightening the World." She holds a torch in her right hand and a tablet in her left hand. The tablet has the date July 4, 1776, inscribed on it, which is the date of the American Declaration of Independence. Her crown has seven spikes, representing the seven continents and seven seas of the world.

The Statue of Liberty was built in France and shipped to the United States in 350 pieces. They were packed and shipped in 214 crates and, once in New York, took four months to assemble. The statue was then placed on a pedestal built in the United States.

The statue's torch has been replaced several times since it was first built. The original torch was damaged by weather and pollution. In 1984, it was replaced with a new torch that was covered with thin sheets of 24-karat gold. The torch symbolizes enlightenment, lighting the way to freedom and a better future.

Visitors can climb up to the statue's crown, but it involves climbing 354 steps. The view from the top is breathtaking, as you can see the New York City skyline and the harbor. Millions of people from all over the world visit the Statue of Liberty each year.

The Statue of Liberty is not just a statue; it is a powerful symbol of hope and freedom. It has welcomed millions of immigrants arriving in America by sea. Many of these newcomers saw the statue as a sign that they had finally reached a land of opportunity.



Circle the correct answer.

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- a. Liberty for All
- b. Liberty Enlightening the World
- c. Freedom for America
- d. Liberty Statue



2. Who designed the iron framework inside the statue?

- a. Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi
- b. Gustave Eiffel
- c. Thomas Jefferson
- d. Benjamin Franklin

What I learned:

How many steps do visitors have to climb to reach the crown of the Statue of Liberty?



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