

# Statue of Liberty

In 1865, the Statue of Liberty was planned by French historian Edouard de Laboulaye to symbolize freedom and to commemorate the friendship between France and the US. It was designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi and built by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, who also

built the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The statue was built in a suburb of Paris and then transported on the French ship *Iser* in 214 packing cases. It was then put together in New York.



The statue has a framework of iron covered in copper. It is 46 m high. The head measures 3 m x 5 m and the right arm which holds the torch is 13 m long. The torch at the top of the statue is 93 m above the water.

The base on which the statue stands is almost the same height as the statue. There is a lift at the bottom which takes visitors to the base of the statue and then they have to take a spiral staircase to the top which consists of 171 steps.

In her left hand, the statue holds a book which shows the date of the American Declaration of Independence which is the 4th July, 1776. The crown on her head has seven parts to signify liberty to the seven continents and across the seven seas.

On a bronze plaque in the base of the statue is a poem written by Emma Lazarus in 1883, which tells people to come to the US and start a new and better life.

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Read the information sheet about the Statue of Liberty on the previous page and then answer the questions.

a) Who planned to build the Statue of Liberty? \_\_\_\_\_

b) What does the statue symbolize? \_\_\_\_\_

c) Who designed the statue? \_\_\_\_\_

d) In which city is the Eiffel Tower? \_\_\_\_\_

e) Was the Statue of Liberty built in New York? Yes / No

f) Underline the correct answer. How high above the water is the top of the torch?

**1.** 100 m

**2.** 93 m

**3.** 46 m

**4.** 87 m

g) How many steps do visitors have to climb to reach the top? \_\_\_\_\_

h) The torch is held in the left hand. Is this sentence **true** or **false**? \_\_\_\_\_

i) When do the Americans celebrate Independence Day? \_\_\_\_\_

j) Who wrote the poem inscribed on the plaque in the base of the statue?

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