

WHOLE WIDE WORLD

STATUE OF LIBERTY



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CHAPTER 1

A GIFT FROM FRANCE



torch

Off the coast of New York City is an island. A statue of a woman stands on it. She holds a torch up high. This is the Statue of **Liberty**. Some call it Lady Liberty.

Lady Liberty stands 305 feet (93 meters) tall. France gifted it to the United States in 1884. Why? They wanted to celebrate the end of **slavery**. They also wanted to **honor** 100 years of freedom.





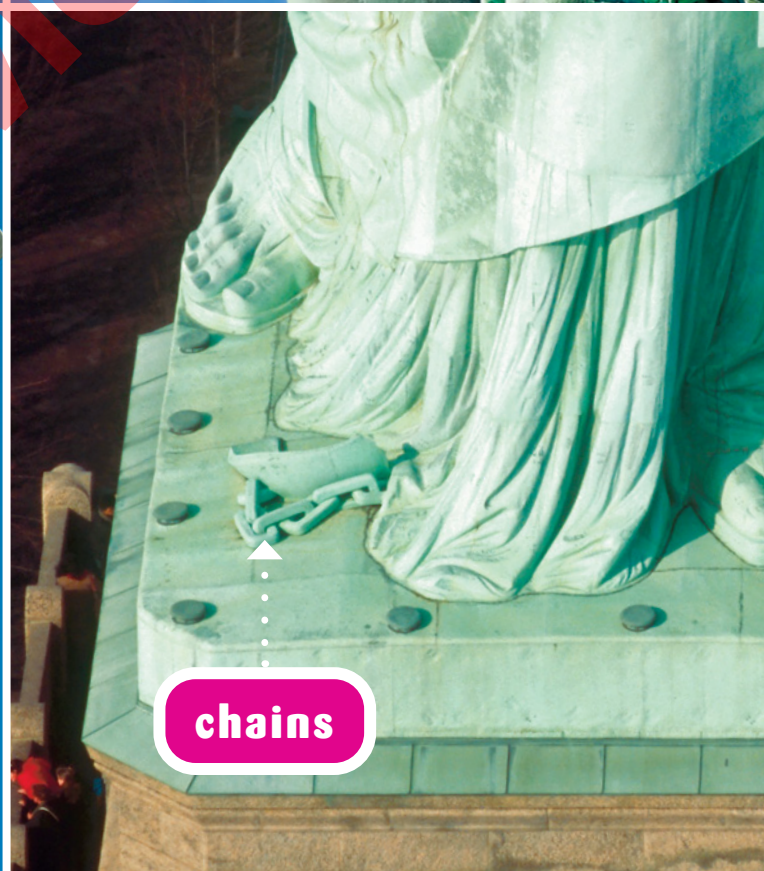
crown



torch



tablet



chains

The image shows the Statue of Liberty, a large green patina statue of a woman holding a torch and a tablet. The statue is set against a clear blue sky. The lower part of the image shows the base of the statue, which is a large, ornate structure. The statue's right arm is raised, holding a torch, and its left arm is extended, holding a tablet. The statue is surrounded by a large crowd of people, and the city of New York is visible in the background.

The statue has many **symbols**.
The crown looks like sunrays.
The torch lights the path to
freedom. One hand holds a
tablet. On it is the date of the
Declaration of Independence.
Broken chains are at the feet.
They stand for freedom
from slavery.

CHAPTER 2

BUILDING LADY LIBERTY

Lady Liberty was built in France. Workers started in 1876. Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi was the **sculptor**. He designed the statue to look like Libertas. This was the Roman goddess of liberty. She is on the Great Seal of France.

Great Seal
of France





**Colossus
of Rhodes**

He was also **inspired** by the Colossus of Rhodes. This was a statue of Helios, the Greek sun god. It once stood in Greece.