

## THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

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### The torch

Miss Liberty's arm is 13 metres long and holds the torch of liberty which lights the world. It used to serve as a lighthouse.

### The statue's feet

You can see broken shackles (chains) by Miss Liberty's feet. They symbolise the escape from tyranny and oppression.

### The pedestal

It is in the shape of a star.

### The crown

The seven points on the crown symbolise liberty on the seven continents.

### The windows

You can climb to the top of the statue to admire the view from its 25 windows which represent the earth's 25 gemstones.

### The tablet

It reads July 4th 1776. That was the day the Americans declared their independence from England.

### The statue's dress

It looks like the costume of an ancient Greek woman. Ancient Greece was the birthplace of democracy, so her dress symbolises democracy.

## Liberty Enlightening\* the World

The Statue of Liberty is the most emblematic landmark of New York City. A cruise to Liberty Island is a top tourist attraction. But there is more to it than that! The Statue was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States in 1886 to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of American Independence. From the end of the 19th century to the 1930s, millions of immigrants coming from all over Europe arrived in New York by boat. The first thing they saw was the Statue of Liberty: the universally recognised symbol of freedom and democracy.

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