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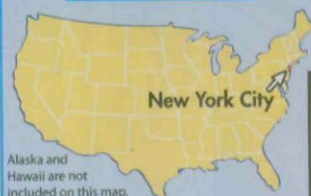
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# The Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty is one of the tallest statues on Earth. People call her Lady Liberty. **Liberty** means freedom.

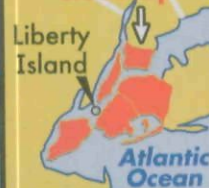
Lady Liberty stands on Liberty Island. That is near New York City. The statue has stood there for more than 120 years. Let's learn about her!

United States



Alaska and Hawaii are not included on this map.

New York City Close-Up





# Learn About Lady Liberty

The Statue of Liberty is a **symbol** of our country. She is a symbol of freedom.

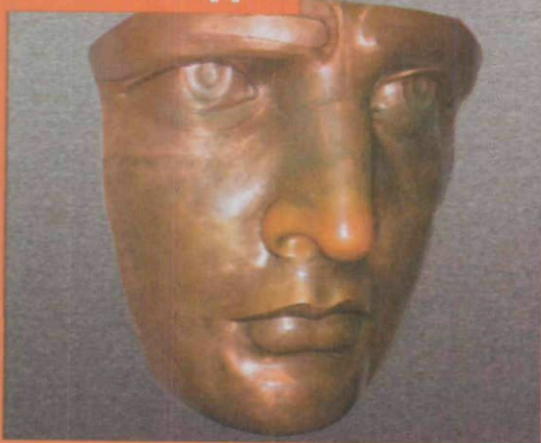


The statue was made in France.

Long ago, many people came to America by boat. They came from all over the world. The Statue of Liberty was the first thing many of them saw when coming here.

Lady Liberty was not always on Liberty Island. She was built in France. The French people gave her to the Americans as a gift. Workers took nine years to build her!

## Made of Copper



This was the color of the statue when she was new.

How did she get to the United States? First, workers took her apart. Then, they packed her in 214 **crates**, or boxes. Workers put her back together once she got here.

Lady Liberty's skin is made of a kind of metal called **copper**. When she was new, she was brown, like a penny. The sun and air have turned her green over the years.

Inside the statue are iron bars. They hold her up, just like your bones hold you up. Stairs lead up to her crown, and even up her arm!

Millions of visitors come to see the Statue of Liberty every year. They take a boat, just like people did long ago. Lady Liberty still stands tall to greet them.





### Inside of Statue



This is what you see inside the statue.

### Torch



The **torch**, or light, is covered in gold.

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## A Fantastic Ferry

The only way to get to Lady Liberty is by ferry. A ferry is a kind of boat. People leave from New York or New Jersey and ride over to the statue.

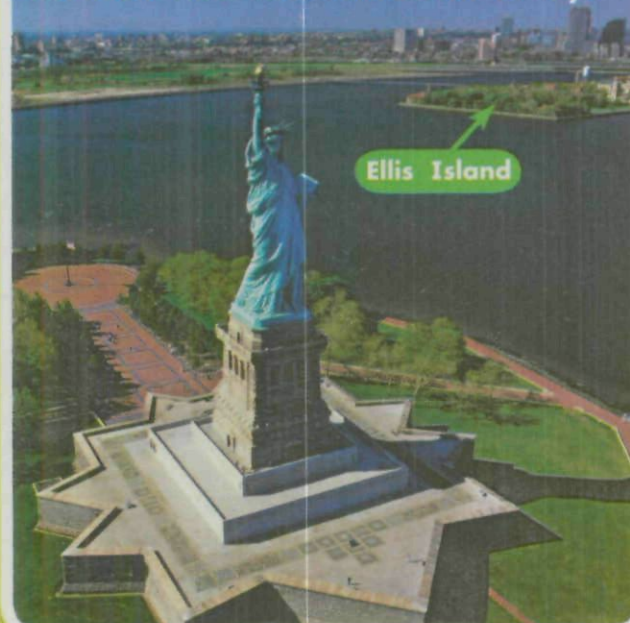
People who visit Lady Liberty can also take the ferry to nearby Ellis Island. Long ago, Ellis Island was the first place many people stopped when they came to America. Can you find it in the bottom photo?



This is the ferry to Liberty Island.

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Liberty Island is in the water between New York and New Jersey.



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## Reading Checkpoint:

# The Statue of Liberty

Answer the questions below.

Remember to write complete sentences!



1. What is the Statue of Liberty?

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2. Do you think it was easy to get the statue to the U.S.?

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why is the statue green? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Would you want to climb the stairs inside the statue?

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What do you think is the most interesting part of the statue?

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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