

Virtual Tour



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The History of the Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty National Monument officially celebrated her 100th birthday on October 28, 1986. The people of France gave the Statue to the people of the United States over one hundred years ago in recognition of the friendship established during the American Revolution.

Sculptor Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi was commissioned to design a sculpture with the year 1876 in mind for completion, to commemorate the centennial of the American Declaration of Independence. The Statue was a joint effort between America and France and it was agreed upon that the American people were to build the pedestal, and the French people were responsible for the Statue and its assembly in the United States.

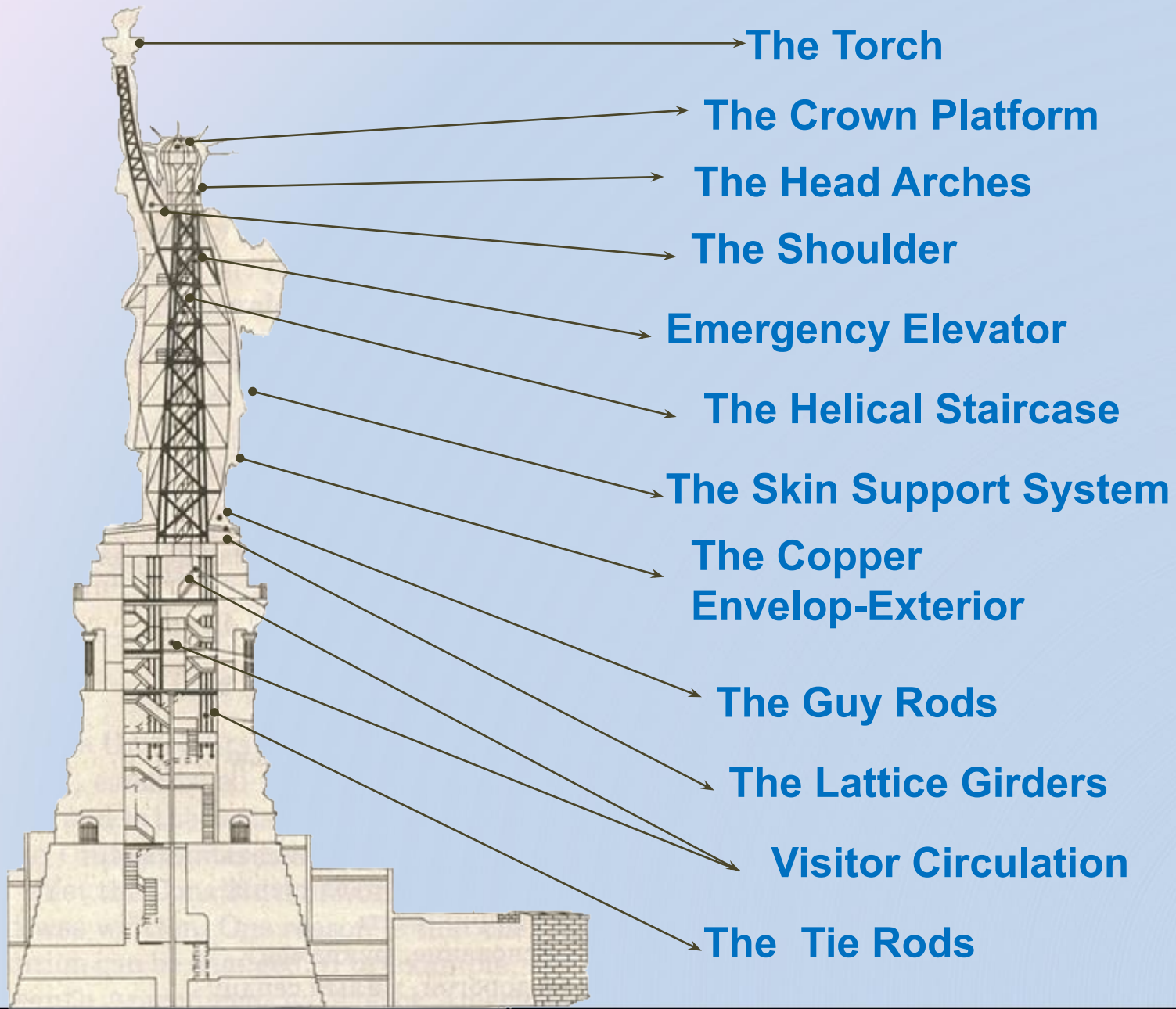
Alexander Eiffel (designer of the Eiffel Tower) was commissioned to design the massive iron pylon and secondary skeletal framework which allows the Statue's copper skin to move independently yet stand upright.

Financing for the pedestal was completed in August 1885, and pedestal construction was finished in April of 1886. The Statue was completed in France in July, 1884 and arrived in New York Harbour in June of 1885 on board the French frigate "Iserre" which transported the Statue of Liberty from France to the United States. In transit, the Statue was reduced to 350 individual pieces and packed in 214 crates.

On October 28th 1886, the dedication of the Statue of Liberty took place in front of thousands of spectators.



The Statue of Liberty Inside



The Statue of Liberty in Figures

- The statue weighs 225 tons.
- The statue is 151 ft (46 m) tall, but with the pedestal and foundation, it is 305 ft (93 m) tall.
- In transit, the Statue was reduced to 350 individual pieces and packed in 214 crates.
- There are 25 windows in the crown which symbolize gemstones found on the earth and the heaven's rays shining over the world.
- Twelve people can stand inside the torch.
- There are 354 steps inside the statue and its pedestal.





Make a virtual tour around the Liberty Island



Check the information about the Statue of Liberty

- The Statue of Liberty (“Liberty Enlightening the World”) is a steel female figure, facing the ocean from Liberty Island in New York Harbour.
- The statue is of a robed woman holding a torch, and is made of a sheeting of pure copper, hung on a framework of steel (originally puddled iron) with the exception of the flame of the torch, which is coated in gold leaf.
- The seven rays of the Statue's crown represent the seven seas and continents of the world.
- The tablet in her hand represents knowledge and shows the date of the United States Declaration of Independence, in roman numerals, July IV, MDCCLXXVI.
- The statue is a universal symbol of freedom and democracy.
- Liberty and Ellis Islands are open **daily except December 25th.**



Ellis Island – Part of the Statue of Liberty

Ellis Island is part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument. It was added to the National Park System in May of 1965 and through extensive restoration, its main building opened over a quarter century later on September 10, 1990 as a national museum of immigration. Ellis Island is federal property partly within the territorial jurisdiction of the both the States of New York and New Jersey.



American Family Immigration History Center (AFIHC) at Ellis Island. Official site for Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Foundation containing manifests of 25 million immigrants, passengers, and crew members who entered New York Harbor between 1892 and 1924.



Photo Gallery



Ferry Dock at Liberty Island



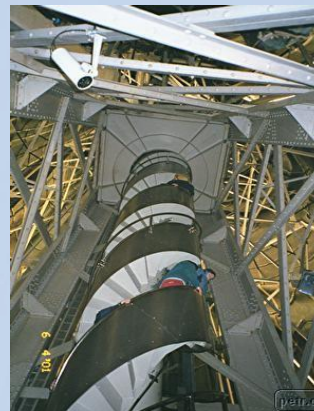
Liberty Enlightening the World



**Liberty Face
and Crown**



**Current torch of
Statue of Liberty**



**The Statue of
Liberty inside**



**Original Torch of
Statue of Liberty**



Test Your Knowledge

1. The Statue of Liberty is on ...
 - a) Liberty Island
 - b) Ellis Island
 - c) Rhode Island
2. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of...
 - a) Great Britain
 - b) France
 - c) Russia
3. The Statue of Liberty symbolizes ...
 - a) a woman with a torch
 - b) a land of freedom
 - c) American women
4. The statue was designed by...
 - a) Joseph Pulitzer
 - b) Alexander Eiffel
 - c) Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi
5. The dedication of the Statue of Liberty took place in ...
 - a) 1886
 - b) 1884
 - c) 1876
6. The statue weighs...
 - a) 220 tons
 - b) 225 tons
 - c) 222 tons
7. The tablet in her hand represents knowledge and shows...
 - a) the date of the U.S. Declaration of Independence
 - b) the number of states
 - c) the date of discovery of America
8. Liberty and Ellis Islands are not open on ...
 - a) July 4th
 - b) November 10th
 - c) December 25th

Check yourself

1a, 2b, 3b, 4c, 5a, 6b, 7a, 8c.



Resources of Information

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