

# The Statue of Liberty

## Amazing Fact

The largest ever Christmas gift was the Statue of Liberty, which was given to the USA by France for Christmas in 1886!

## Challenge

Look carefully at the image of the statue of liberty.

Use the Internet or non-fiction texts to research what the different parts of the statue symbolise and also any other interesting facts.

Height	
Weight	
Location	
Materials	
Interesting facts	

You could also try to find out:

- how the Statue of Liberty was brought from France to the USA;
- what the Statue of Liberty symbolises;
- how big it is;
- how and why the colour has changed.

# Statue of Liberty Answers

**Robes:** The robes refer to the Roman goddess 'Libertas', who was worshipped by freed slaves.

**Crown:** The seven spikes represent the seven continents and oceans of the world.

**Torch:** The light of freedom and the path to liberty. It was originally used as a lighthouse.

**Chains at feet:** The broken chains at her feet represent the end of slavery.

**Book:** The book is believed to be a book of law. The date July IV MDCCLXXVI is inscribed, which refers to the of the American Declaration of Independence.

**Location:** Liberty Island, New York harbour.

**Material:** Made with an iron frame and covered with pure copper. The blue green colour is due to her age and exposure to water.

**Height:** The statue stands on a pedestal and reaches 93m.

**Weight:** 204 metric tonnes.