

A History Curriculum



STATUE
OF LIBERTY



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Begin your journey by reading *The Story of the Statue of Liberty* by Betsy & Giulio Maestro. The Statue of Liberty has stood on Liberty Island for over a hundred years. It is a symbol of freedom, inspiration, and hope.

The Statue of Liberty's official name is *Liberty Enlightening the World*. This statue was a gift from France in 1886.

The idea all started one evening in 1865. Some Frenchmen were discussing the difference between their dictator-like emperor and the democratic government of the United States. One of the men at this meeting was Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi. He imagined a statue of a woman holding a torch burning for freedom. It took 21 years for him to design the statue, fund it, and build it.

They had originally planned to have the statue in place on the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, but it took longer than expected for the US to raise money to build the pedestal. October 28th, 1886 was the official opening day.

The Statue of Liberty is one of the most popular tourist destinations. Around 4 million people visit every year.



"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

-Emma Lazarus, *The New Colossus*

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

-Matthew 11: 28-29

Notice the similarities between The New Colossus and this Bible verse. God offers rest to those who take on His yoke and follow Him. Now, this rest doesn't mean your life will be easy. It simply means that God is your refuge, your place to find peace and love during all times.



The Statue of Liberty started as a nice copper color, but 20 years later it had changed to green. Why is it green? Let's find out!

Fold a paper towel and place it in the bowl. Next, lay your pennies on top of the paper towel. Pour vinegar over the pennies so that the paper towel is fully saturated. Then, sprinkle the pennies with salt. Watch what happens. (This experiment will take some time to work. If the paper towel dries out, add more vinegar. You can also flip the pennies the next day if nothing has happened.) Did they turn green? Why?

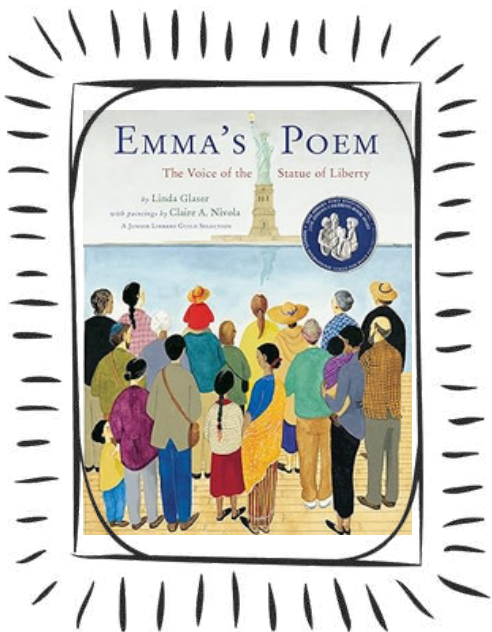
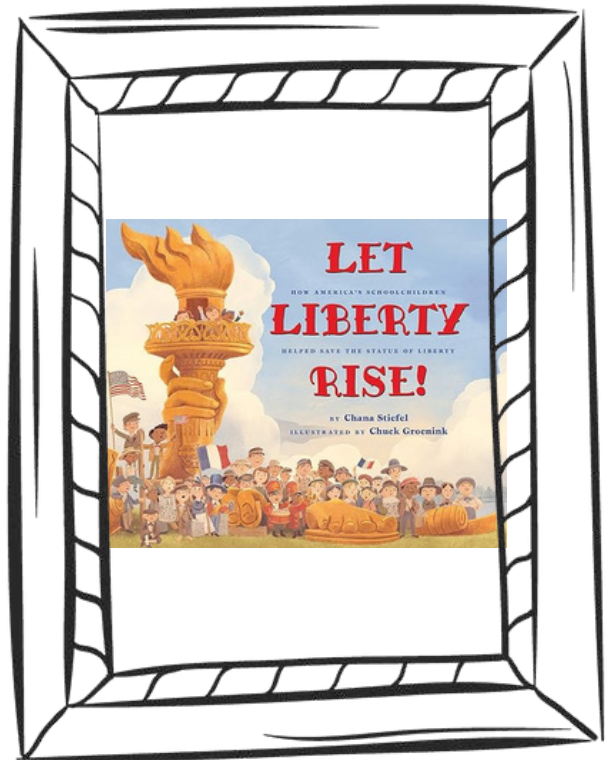
Supplies needed:

- Bowl
- Paper towel
- Vinegar
- Salt
- Pennies



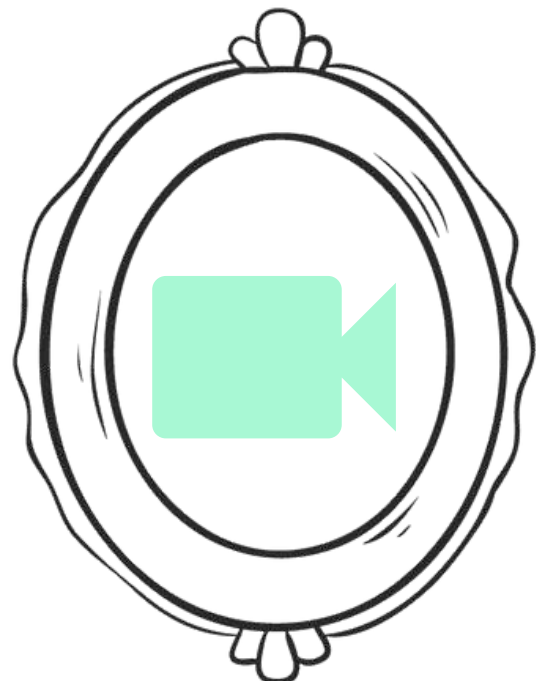


Continue learning more about the Statue of Liberty. Start with Let Liberty Rise! by Chana Stiefel.

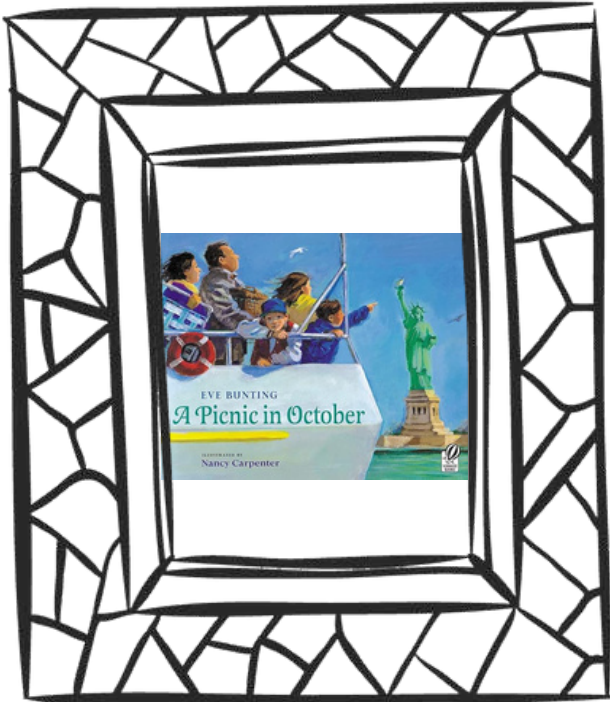


Emma's Poem by Linda Glaser

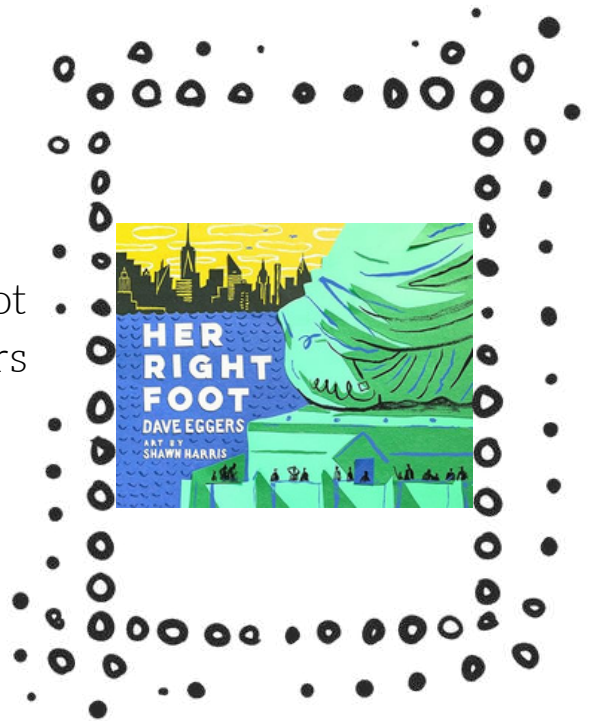
Head over to Peakaboo Kidz's YouTube channel and watch How Statue of Liberty Was Built? to learn more about this amazing statue.



A Picnic in October
by Eve Bunting



Her Right Foot
by Dave Eggers



Anna & Solomon
by Elaine Snyder



-Emma Lazarus wrote The New Colossus in 1883 to help raise funds for the construction of the Statue of Liberty's pedestal. You can find her poem on the National Park Service's website or you can read the book Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty by Linda Glasser. You could also use this as copywork.

-Do an artist study on Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi, the designer of the Statue of Liberty. Then make your own replica statue out of clay.

-No Statue of Liberty lesson is complete without making her crown and torch. There are many different ways to make them. A simple one is cutting a paper plate into a crown shape and adding the seven spikes. Using a toilet paper tube and some tissue paper, make the torch. If you want the torch flames to stay up, you could also use card stock.

-Math Time! Let's see how big different parts of the Statue of Liberty really are. This will work best in your yard or park. First, research the length of different parts and make a list. Then head outside. Here are a few measurements to get you started: the arm with the torch measures 46 feet; the finger measures 8 feet; the nose measures nearly 5 feet.

-Visit the Statue of Liberty and take the tour. Don't live nearby? Check out the National Parks Service's [virtual tour](#).

-Research the symbolic features that Bartholdi added to this statue.