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The Statue of Liberty - Answer Key

Use the text to answer each question below.

1. The Statue of Liberty is a monument that stands in New York Harbor. It is on an island called Liberty Island. The statue was a gift to the US from France. In 1865, a French writer wanted to create a monument to celebrate the US. The writer's name was Édouard René de Laboulaye. He admired the US's independent stance. The US had been free from Great Britain for almost 100 years. In 1875, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi began to design the statue. It was modeled after the Roman goddess of freedom. A French architect helped Bartholdi build the statue. The architect's name was Alexandre Gustave Eiffel. He made sure the statue was strong enough to stay up for a long time. Meanwhile, builders in the US started to create a pedestal, or base, for the statue to stand on.

Laboulaye wanted to build a statue for the US because he

- A. owed a debt to the US president.
- B. thought that New York needed a new tourist attraction.
- C. hoped the US would build a statue for France in return.
- ☒ D. admired the American values of freedom and independence.

According to the passage, Laboulaye "wanted to create a monument to celebrate the US," and "he admired the US's independent stance."

2. The US and France did not have enough money to finish the Statue of Liberty. People in both countries donated money to build it. The statue's head and the arm holding the torch were finished before the rest of the statue. They were put on display in the US and France for people to see. The inside of the statue is made of iron. The outside is made of 300 sheets of copper. It was originally the color of a penny, but over time, air turns copper green. This is why the Statue of Liberty now looks green.

Which of these statements about the Statue of Liberty is true?

- ✓ A. People gave money to help finish building the statue.
- According to the passage, "The US and France did not have enough money to finish the Statue of Liberty. People in both countries donated money to build it."*
- B. The statue was originally gray but later turned green.
- C. The statue's legs were finished before the rest of it.
- D. The inside of the statue is made of marble.

3. The Statue of Liberty was finished in July 1884. It was 151 feet tall without its base. It was so big that it had to be shipped to the US in 350 different pieces in 214 crates. It arrived in New York Harbor in 1885. It took four months to put it back together on its new pedestal. On October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated in front of a huge crowd. The statue stands near Ellis Island. Millions of immigrants passed through Ellis Island in the late 1800s. They came to the US for opportunities they did not have in their homelands. The statue was a symbol of hope to them.

Why is the location of the Statue of Liberty significant?

- A. because it stands near Manhattan, where an important battle of the American Revolution was fought
- B. because it stands near Ellis Island, where the Declaration of Independence was signed
- ✓ C. because it stands near Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants to the US first arrived
- D. because it stands in the Hudson River, where the first steamboat was invented

The sentences "The statue stands near Ellis Island. Millions of immigrants passed through Ellis Island in the late 1800s" support this answer.

4. The Statue of Liberty wears a crown with seven rays. They represent the seven continents and seven seas of the world. She holds a torch in her right hand. The torch stands for knowledge lighting the way to liberty and freedom. In her left hand, she holds a tablet. The tablet is a book of laws. It has the date July 4, 1776 written on it in Roman numerals. This is the date that the US signed the Declaration of Independence. At the feet of the statue, there are broken chains. They symbolize breaking free from oppression. On the base of the statue, there is a poem called “The New Colossus.” It was written by Emma Lazarus. The poem is about welcoming people from other countries to the US.

Read the following lines from Emma Lazarus’s poem “The New Colossus.” 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!

The speaker of these lines is most likely

A. an American.



B.

the Statue of Liberty herself.

These lines from the poem that is on the base of the Statue of Liberty are most likely from Lady Liberty’s perspective. The phrase “I lift my lamp” most likely refers to the torch that she holds.

C. a person coming to the US from another country.

D. a person looking at the Statue of Liberty for the first time.