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# Symbols of the USA - Answer Key

Use the text to answer each question below.

1. The American flag is an important part of the US's identity. The American flag symbolizes the values the nation holds, like courage, independence, and liberty—each represented by the flag's colors: red, white, and blue. The 13 stars and stripes on the first American flag represented the 13 original colonies. The American flag still has 13 stripes today. In the 1600s, people from England began sailing to America. They established colonies. Colonists still had to follow England's rules. In 1776, the American colonies declared independence from England. The colonists won the Revolutionary War and earned the right to make their own rules.

What is the main topic of this text?



A.

The 13 original colonies

*This text is mostly about the 13 original colonies.*

B. The king of England

C. Sailing

2. The Statue of Liberty is a famous monument in New York City. It's a sculpture of a woman holding a torch. Because the woman symbolizes freedom, some people call her Lady Liberty. The people of France gave the statue to the United States in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This special birthday present was so big, it had to be shipped in 214 separate crates. It took workers several months to put the pieces together. On October 28, 1886, the statue was unveiled for everyone to see. At the time, it was the tallest human-made structure in the country.

What does the Statue of Liberty symbolize?

A. Love

B. Wisdom



C.

Freedom

*The text states, "Because the [Statue of Liberty] symbolizes freedom, some people call her Lady Liberty."*

3. The Liberty Bell is a large bell that sits in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It's a symbol of American independence. Although it doesn't ring anymore, it used to. The bell would be rung in order to bring people together to share news. It also brought the citizens of Philadelphia together to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. When looking at the Liberty Bell, you might notice that it has a large crack. But how did it happen? Well, it's still a mystery. Some say it cracked after its first use. People tried to repair it, but all attempts were unsuccessful.

Why is there a crack on the Liberty Bell?

A. The citizens dropped it by accident.



**B.**

It's a mystery.

*The text states, "But how did [the crack] happen? Well, it's still a mystery."*

C. It was due to harsh weather conditions.