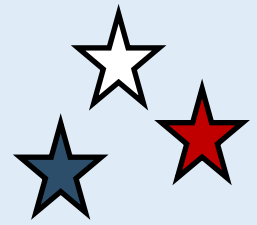


# STATUE OF LIBERTY



## What is it?

The Statue of Liberty is a giant figure made of copper. She stands 305 feet and 1 inch tall, which is as tall as a 22-story building. The Statue of Liberty stands on Liberty Island and is part of the State of New York. She faces the Atlantic Ocean and welcomes to the United States millions of immigrants hoping to start a new life in America.



## Where did it come from?

The statue was a gift from the people of France, who wanted to honor American ideas of freedom and independence. It was designed by a French sculptor named Frederic Auguste Bartholdi.

The statue was so big that it had to be shipped to America in several pieces. Once it arrived in New York, the pieces were assembled into one giant statue. It was dedicated on October 28, 1886.

## What is the poem associated with the Statue of Liberty?

An American woman named Emma Lazarus wrote a poem in 1883 titled "The New Colossus." She wrote the poem to help raise money to build the pedestal (base) of the statue. The last lines of the poem have become famous:

"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!"

