



Class: SSC Batch
Subject: English Literature
Unit Eight -Lesson 3

World Heritage

The Statue of Liberty

The French Sculptor FredicAuguste Bartholdi was assigned to design and complete asculpture within 1876, so that it could be a gift for the Americans on the occasion ofcelebrating the hundred years of the American Declaration of Independence. The statue was a joint venture between the USA and France. The French people would build the statue and assemble it in the States, and the people of the USA were to build the pedestal for the statue.

Raising money for the pedestal was completed in August 1885. The construction of the pedestal was finished in April 1886. In the meantime, France completed the Statue in July 1884. They sent it to New York on board the French war ship 'Isere' in

1885. While transporting the statue, it was split up into 350 individual pieces and packed in 214 crates.

It took four months to put the Statue together and place it on the pedestal. Thousands

of people saw the unveiling ceremony of the Statue of Liberty on October 28th 1886.

It was centennial gift ten years late.

The Freedom that the Statue stands for is not stationary. The broken chain wrapped around her feet, protruding from the bottom of her robe, symbolizes her free forward

movement, enlightening the world with her torch, free from oppression and slavery.

The Statue's original torch was the first part constructed in 1876. It was replaced by

a new copper torch covered in 24K gold leaf in 1984. The torch is lighted by flood light at night. The original torch is currently located in the lobby of the monument. Access to the torch has been closed since 1916.

From October 28, 2011, on her 125th anniversary, the Statue of Liberty was named

“Liberty Enlightening the World Wide Web”. The credit goes to a series of new web

cams placed around her torch. Several amazing views will be just a click of a mouse

away. On clear days, three cameras provide unobstructed scenes and views. Two cameras provide an ultra wide-angle interactive view of the famous golden torch.

The remaining camera looks downwards towards the crown of The Statue of liberty,

her face, the tablet she is holding from your computer or smart phone. So a person can have access to the web cam’s live feed of The Statue of Liberty from anywhere in the world.

Answer the following questions

- a. What is the Statue of Liberty?
- b. Why did the govt. of France give the statue to the USA?
- c. The statue symbolizes liberty- discuss.
- d. Write about its structural features.
- e. How does the statue become a global symbol of freedom?

Write the meaning of the following words:

grandeur	colossal	Neoclassical
pedestal	cherish	stationary
crates	unveiling	centennial
protruding	oxidation	exposure
verdigris	restoration	heritage

Write one synonym and one antonym for each word(if there is any)

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