

# The Statue of Liberty

Read the text about the Statue of Liberty. Match the headings to the paragraphs in the text. There are two extra headings that you do not need to use.

1.- The full name of the statue

2.- Two nations, one monument

3.- Immigrants saw it first

4.- Starting with the wrong foot

5.- From one country to another

a. \_\_\_\_\_



This is one of the most important monuments of our neighbor country: the Statue of Liberty. The statue was thought of as a commemoration of the ideals of freedom and democracy

that both France and the United States shared. It was designed by French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi. **Moreover**, it was originally a **gift** from the French to America. It is the depiction of the Roman goddess of freedom, and its real name is: *Liberty Enlightening the World*.

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**Initially**, only the right arm and the torch were finished by 1876. Alexandre Gustave

Eiffel, who designed the Eiffel Tower, designed the **armature** of the statue. In a joint effort between the French and the American, the statue was built and taken by some boats from France to America. The statue has had several repairs during the years; **however**, these have only been done in American territory.

c. \_\_\_\_\_

The statue was criticized because many people thought the statue should have been designed by an American artist. Its cost of transportation was also an important complaint. **However**, she was presented to the Americans on Independence Day in 1884. **At some point** in the last centuries, when immigrants came to America by boat, it was the first sight they had. Now the Statue is a landmark of that nation.



2.- Read the questions below and choose the correct option. Find the answer to the questions in the text about the Statue of Liberty. What do the words in bold mean?

- a. Who *designed* / *did desing* the Statue of Liberty?
- b. When *was* / *did* they finish the right arm?
- c. What monument *had* / *did* Alexandre Gustave created previously?
- d. Who *did* / *were* working on the statue for years before sending it to America?