Stories in Symbols

Read how two American landmarks got their meanings.

SS24.2.13d "Explain the history and significance of American symbols and monuments."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one fact about each object's past and circle words about what it means today to show how its story and meaning connect.

A Statue and a Bell

1. A tall statue stands on an island in New York Harbor. France gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a gift of friendship. It was dedicated in 1886. Its raised torch helps it stand for freedom.

2. The Liberty Bell is in Philadelphia. Long ago, people rang this bell to call leaders to meetings. Years later, people working to end slavery gave it the name Liberty Bell. They saw it as a sign of freedom for all.

3. Both objects help people remember the past. The statue recalls a gift of friendship between two countries. The bell reminds us that people worked to make freedom reach more people. Each one has a story and a meaning today.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How can the statue's story show both friendship and freedom?

2. Why did people working to end slavery name the bell the Liberty Bell?

3. How did the statue and bell become symbols in different ways?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine your town builds a monument to honor people who fought for American independence. Write three sentences: name the monument, tell what part of the past it honors, and explain why it matters today.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one fact about each object's past and circle words about what it means today to show how its story and meaning connect. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How can the statue's story show both friendship and freedom?	**France gave it as a gift of friendship, and its raised torch stands for freedom.**
2	Why did people working to end slavery name the bell the Liberty Bell?	**They saw the bell as a sign of freedom for all.**
3	How did the statue and bell become symbols in different ways?	**France gave the statue as a gift of friendship. People working to end slavery later named the bell and used it as a sign of freedom for all.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Freedom Stone honors people who fought for American independence. They worked to make the United States its own country. The stone reminds us that freedom matters today.

Accept answers that connect each object's history to its meaning, even if students use different words. For Your Turn, look for a named monument, a connection to the fight for independence, and a present-day meaning.