A Gift in Pieces

Find the facts behind the Statue of Liberty

3.P.3.2.B "Locate facts (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how) to demonstrate an understanding of key details in a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell who gave the statue and why. Circle the dedication date, then write 1 beside the sentence that tells how the statue crossed the ocean.

The Statue Arrives

1. In 1885, a ship reached New York Harbor with a giant statue packed in wooden crates. The statue was a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States. France gave the gift to honor the friendship between the two countries. Workers could not lift the whole statue at once. It had been taken apart before its long trip across the ocean.

2. Workers put the pieces back together on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. Today the island is called Liberty Island. The statue's outer skin is made of copper, a metal that was once brown. Over time, air and rain changed its color to green. In one hand, the statue holds a torch high above the water. Ships passing by could see it from far away.

3. On October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated. A dedication is a ceremony that marks the opening of something important. Crowds watched boats sail past the island that day. Today, visitors take a ferry to Liberty Island to see the statue up close. They can also read about the workers who built it and the journey its pieces made across the sea.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who gave the statue to the people of the United States?

2. Why did France give the statue?

3. How did the statue's pieces cross the ocean?

4. When was the Statue of Liberty dedicated?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two new fact questions about the passage that Part 2 did not ask. Answer each question and give the paragraph number where you found the fact.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who gave the statue to the people of the United States?	**The people of France.**
2	Why did France give the statue?	**To honor the friendship between France and the United States.**
3	How did the statue's pieces cross the ocean?	**They traveled on a ship in wooden crates.**
4	When was the Statue of Liberty dedicated?	**October 28, 1886.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

What metal covers the statue? Copper. (Paragraph 2)
What can visitors take to Liberty Island? A ferry. (Paragraph 3)

Accept new questions with answers supported by the passage and correct paragraph numbers. Answers may use different words from the passage.