

1 Read the facts and fill in the gaps with: *holds, visit, arrived, tall, wears, fade, presented, overlook, known, stated, represent, stands.*

# Independence DAY in the USA

Independence Day in the United States is also 1) \_\_\_\_\_ as the 4th of July. It is a day when Americans celebrate their independence after being under British rule. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, in which he 2) \_\_\_\_\_ that all 13 colonies wanted to be free from Great Britain. It is a major holiday in the US and people all over the country celebrate this day in many different ways. The Statue of Liberty is one of the most famous monuments in the US and it relates to Independence Day.

## Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty 3) \_\_\_\_\_ a crown and there are seven spikes. There is a theory that the spikes on the crown are supposed to 4) \_\_\_\_\_ the seven seas and continents in the world.

There are 25 windows in the crown that 5) \_\_\_\_\_ New York City. The windows in the crown symbolise gemstones.

The Statue of Liberty 6) \_\_\_\_\_ a tablet with the date July 4, 1776 inscribed on it. The date is in Roman numerals and it looks like this "JULY IV MDCCLXXVI."

The Statue of Liberty was 7) \_\_\_\_\_ to the United States by France. One of the engineers that designed the Eiffel Tower also designed this statue.

If you ever get the chance to 11) \_\_\_\_\_ the statue, you will have to climb 354 stairs to reach the crown. Over a hundred years ago, people could go all the way up to the torch, but it is not allowed anymore.

The statue's original colour was copper and it was shiny! After three decades, the colour began to 8) \_\_\_\_\_ and became the greenish colour it is today.

Lady Liberty stands 9) \_\_\_\_\_ at about 93 metres high. That is including the pedestal she 10) \_\_\_\_\_ on. Otherwise, just the statue is 46 metres.



The statue is on an island called Liberty Island. It is right next to the famous Ellis Island, which was where the first immigrants 12) \_\_\_\_\_ from Europe. The statue was one of the first sights they would all see.

2 **ICT** In groups, find more facts about the Statue of Liberty. Create a quiz for your classmates.