

# A 'Historically' Fun Art Project



## The Statue of Liberty is a Work of Art Create *Your Own Liberty Masterpiece*

On October 28, 1886, thousands gathered in New York Harbor for the unveiling of the *Statue of Liberty*. The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation invites students (K-12) to celebrate Lady Liberty by creating your own *Statue of Liberty* masterpiece.

*The Statue of Liberty* is indeed a global icon. And while most view her simply as a must-see tourist attraction, *Liberty Enlightening the World* (the Statue's official name) is first and foremost a work of art. From the folds of her gown to the contours of her face to her sheer magnitude, Lady Liberty's beauty is truly inspiring.

*The Statue of Liberty* was designed by French Sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi. It was a gift from the people of France to the people of the U.S. to celebrate the nations' long-standing relationship, commemorate America's centennial, and recognize the abolishment of slavery.

Bartholdi's colossal artwork is awash with symbolism. The spikes of her crown evoke sun rays extending out to the world. The tablet notes American independence with the inscription July 4, 1776, in Roman numerals. A broken shackle and chains at the Statue's foot represent freedom from bondage.



Photography, paintings, fashion, and replica sculptures are just a few examples of how artists have interpreted the monument.

## WHAT'S YOUR VISION?

Share your creation. Email [WorkofArt@LibertyEllisFoundation.org](mailto:WorkofArt@LibertyEllisFoundation.org).

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation will share select submissions on its website and social media.

*Note: This is not a contest or competition.*

To learn more about the Statue of Liberty go to [StatueOfLiberty.org](http://StatueOfLiberty.org) & follow @StatueEllisFdn

# *The Statue of Liberty is a Work of Art*

- Students K-12 are invited to create their own original drawing of the Statue of Liberty (or color in a sketch of the Statue).
- Submit to [WorkofArt@LibertyEllisFoundation.org](mailto:WorkofArt@LibertyEllisFoundation.org).
- The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation will share select images via the organization's website and social media.
- Submissions should include:
  - Artist's name, age, home state
  - Email addresses for the student and parent/guardian. The Foundation will contact individuals if their submission is being posted.
- The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2021.
- Please go to The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation's website for disclaimer information regarding submitting materials to the Foundation.  
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