

Liberty Defined: The History and Symbolism of The Statue of Liberty Student Response Sheet

“Liberty”

1. Describe the cover of the sheet music for “Liberty.” What colors and images are used?

2. What do the lyrics to the song say? What does liberty mean, according to the songwriter?

Lady Liberty, Clip #1

1. When did the Statue of Liberty arrive in New York?

2. Why did the French create the statue?

3. Who was the sculptor?

4. Where was the statue going to be erected?

5. What were the citizens of France going to do to build the statue? What did the American people have to do?

Lady Liberty, Clip #2

1. How large was the statue?

2. Where were the head and the torch first displayed? How many people came to see these pieces of the statue?

3. When was the statue completed?

4. What was the problem once the statue was completed?

Lady Liberty, Clip #3

1. What did Joseph Pulitzer do?
2. How did people respond? Give specific examples.

Lady Liberty, Clip #4

1. When was the statue erected on the pedestal?
2. What did the designers originally intend the statue to represent?
3. What did the statue come to symbolize?
4. What was the name or the poem attached to the pedestal? Who wrote it? What did she believe America should be?

The New Colossus

1. Who are the “huddled masses”? Where do they come from?
2. Why are they “yearning to breathe free”?
3. Why does she call them “wretched refuse”?
4. Why are they coming to America?
5. What is the “golden door”? Why is it golden? Where does it lead?
6. Why are these lines on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty? How do these words relate to the idea of liberty?