

# U.S. Symbols



# The Flag

- On June 14, 1777, The Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act.
- The Flag firstly consisted of 13 white and red stripes and 13 white stars on a blue field.



Stars have been added to the Flag as new states join the Union. Currently, the flag contains 50 stars.

## Significance of the colors

White: Signifies purity and innocence

Red: Signifies valor and bravery

Blue: Signifies Vigilance,  
perseverance, and justice





# THE NATIONAL

# ANTHEM OF THE USA

It was written in 1814  
by Francis Scott Key  
The Anthem is devoted  
to the National Flag



# The Bald Eagle



- The bald eagle is a large, powerful bird with a white head and tail.

- Ben Franklin wants Turkey as a national bird but was out voted.

- Bald Eagle was made the national bird of US in 1782

- The image of Bald Eagle can be found in many places in the US:

Great Seal, Fed. Agency Seal, Pres. Flag & one dollar bill

## The history of bald eagle



- The bald eagle was made the national bird of the United States in 1782 . The image of the bald eagle can be found in many places in the U.S ., such as on the Great Seal , Federal agency seals , the President's flag , and on the one-dollar bill. The Founding Fathers wanted to choose an animal that was unique to the United States . For six years , the members of Congress engaged in a dispute over what the national emblem should be . As a result of the debate , the bald eagle was chosen because it symbolized strength , courage , freedom , and immortality and that it would look much better as our national symbol .



# Why was the bald eagle chosen?

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# The Great Seal



- On July 4, 1776, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson were given the task of creating a seal for the United States of America.



# Why thirteen?



**13 stars** in the crest above the eagle

**13 stripes** in the shield upon the eagle's breast

**13 arrows** in the eagle's left claw

**13 olives** and leaves in the eagle's right claw

**13 letters** in the motto by the eagle, *E PLURIBUS UNUM*  
(*Out of many – One*)

## Great Seal - Back



*Annuit Coeptis* – He favor our undertaking

Eye of Providence

New order of the Ages – It refers to 1776 as the beginning of the American new era

*The Great Seal* can be seen on the back of one dollar bill

# The Liberty Bell

- The Liberty Bell was cast in 1752 and was used by the Continental Congress to signify the independence of the United States.
- Shortly after it was cast, it cracked.
- Today, the Liberty Bell is housed in the Liberty Bell Pavilion in Philadelphia and is still generally considered a symbol of freedom.



mental  
independence  
United

the bell

Philadelphia at the  
for all to see

# Uncle Sam

- The exact origins of Uncle Sam as a symbol for the United States are unknown.
- The most widely accepted theory is that Uncle Sam was named after Samuel Wilson, a businessman from Troy, N.Y.
- He supplied the U.S. Army with beef in barrels During the War of 1812. The barrels were labeled "U.S."
- When asked what the initials stood for, one of Wilson's workers said it stood for Uncle Sam Wilson. The suggestion that the meat shipments came from "Uncle Sam" led to the idea that **Uncle Sam symbolized the Federal Government and association stuck.**



# National Flower- Rose

The Rose is said to be about 35 million years old

- Symbol of love, beauty, war and politics throughout the world;
- Grow naturally throughout North America
- The flower became the official flower of the United States in 1986





# What is it?

- It is the most famous statue in the world.
- It's a lady holding a torch in her right hand and a tablet of laws in her left.
- The lady wears a crown.
- It is a symbol of freedom.

# Where is it?

- The statue is found on a small island.
- The island is in New York City.
- New York City is in the United States of America.
- An island is surrounded by water.



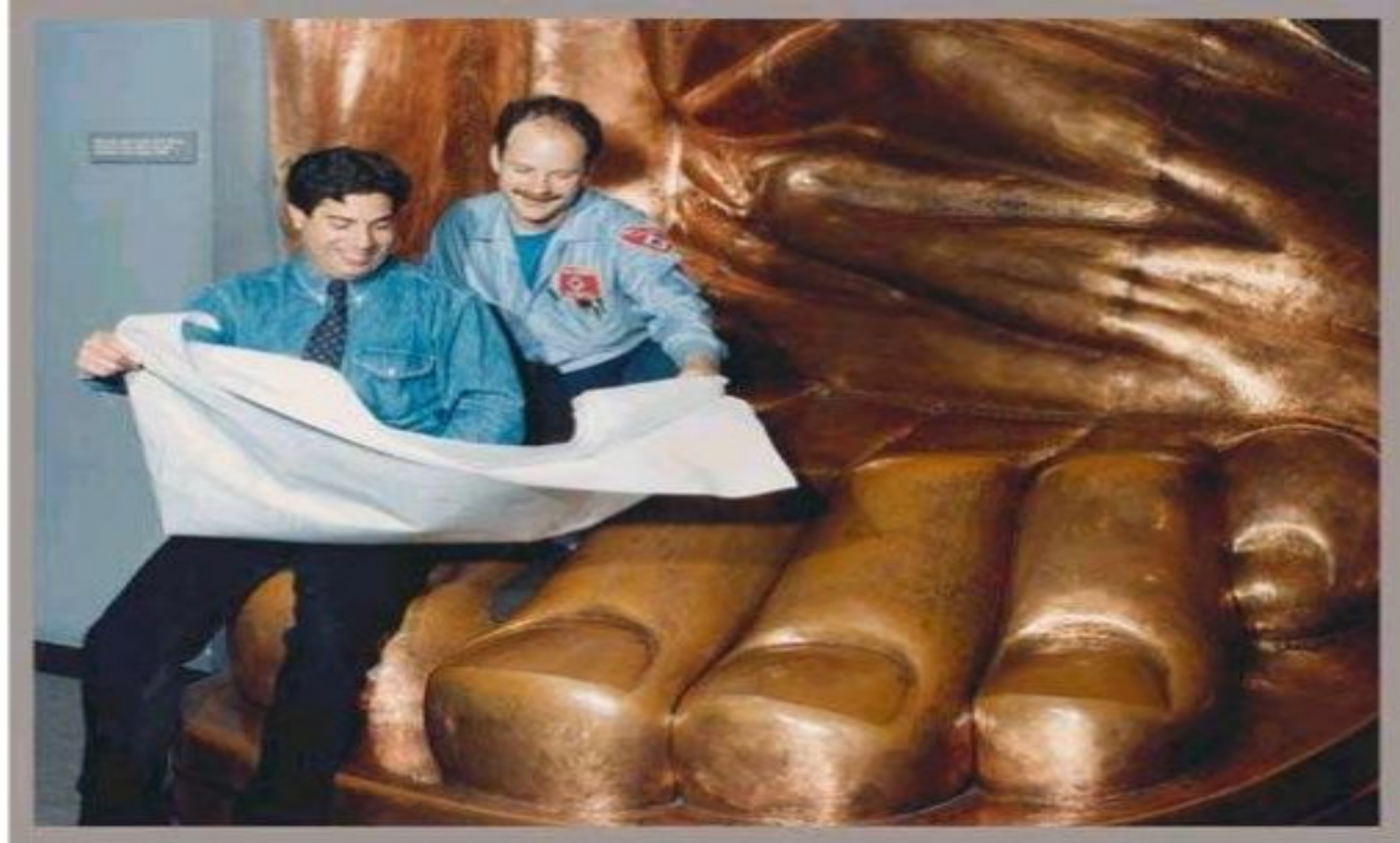


# Where did the statue come from?

- The statue was a gift from France in 1886.
- The French people wanted to honor and show respect for the American spirit of freedom.
- The statue was built in France and shipped to the USA in over 100 boxes.

# What are some details about the statue?

- It was designed by a Frenchman named Bartholdi.
- The Statue of Liberty stands 151 feet high.
- She sits on a pedestal that is 89 feet tall.
- There is 65 foot base around the bottom.



**A statue as big as Lady Liberty has really large feet!**

# What are some more details about the statue?

- You can walk up to the top of the statue on a spiral stairway that has 160 steps.
- Liberty's nose is 4 ½ feet long.
- She weighs 225 TONS.
- 30 people can fit inside Liberty's head.

The Statue of Liberty is a great symbol of freedom for the world!

Every July 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate freedom with a fireworks show!



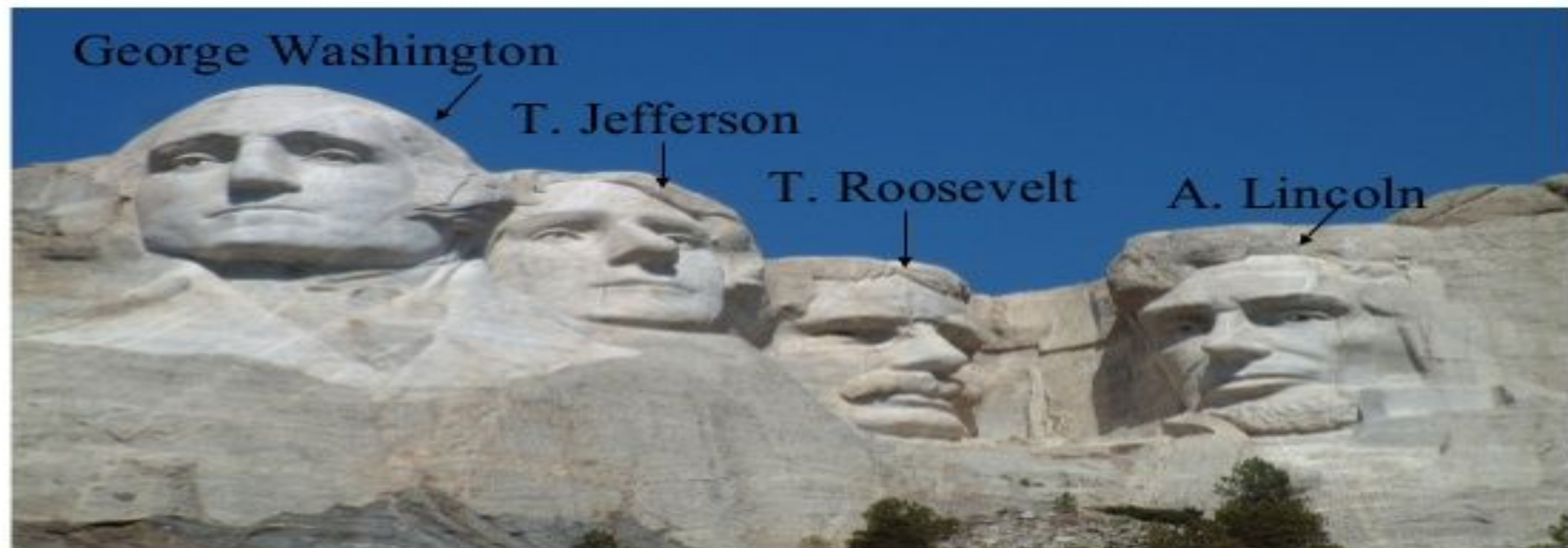
# Statue of Liberty



- Located in New York
- Gift from the people of France
- Statue is 151 feet (46 meters) tall (305 feet including base and pedestal),
- the Statue of Liberty official name is *Liberty Enlightening the World*.
- The statue, made of copper sheets with an iron framework
- Lady Liberty is escaping the chains of tyranny, which lie at her feet.
- Her right hand holds aloft a burning torch that represents liberty
- Her left hand holds a tablet inscribed with the date "July 4, 1776" (in Roman numerals), the day the United States declared its independence from England.
- She is wearing flowing robes
- Crown has seven rays of her spiked crown symbolize the seven seas and continents.



# Mount Rushmore



In the Black Hills of South of Dakota , stand the national memorial, Mount Rushmore, created by Gutzon Borglum. This magnificent rock represent faces of four U.S. Presidents. They are:

**U.S. CAPITOL  
BUILDING  
HOME OF SENATE  
HOUSE OF REP.**



# Lincoln Memorial



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- Located on the National Mall in Washington, DC.
- The memorial, which was built between 1914 and 1922, symbolizes his belief that all people should be free.
- The columns surrounding the walls stand for the 36 states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death.
- The names of the 48 states in the Union (when the memorial was completed in 1922) are carved on the walls along the outside of the memorial. A plaque honoring Alaska and Hawaii is in the approach plaza.
- The statue of Lincoln is 19 feet high and weighs 175 tons.
- The chamber also houses two huge stone tables, one engraved with Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, and the other with the Gettysburg Address.
- Two murals represent the principles of freedom, justice, unity, brotherhood, and charity.

# Washington Monument



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- Located in Washington, DC, at the western end of the National Mall

this four-sided stone structure (modeled after a classic Egyptian [obelisk](#))  
George Washington "Father of our Country" first president of the United States (1789-1797)

- At 555 feet 5 1/8 inches (169.29 meters) high

- is one of the tallest masonry structures in the world.

- Fifty flags surround the base of the Washington Monument and symbolize the 50 states of the Union.

- The cornerstone for the monument was laid on July 4, 1848

- Opened to the public on October 9, 1888.

- In total, there are 36,491 stones.



# White House

Home of the  
President

