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Skill: Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

### Statue of Liberty

Did you know that the Statue of Liberty was a gift to the people of the United States from the people of France? In 1865, a French writer and historian named Édouard de Laboulaye proposed the idea of the statue. He was speaking to guests who were attending a dinner party in his home. He explained that the statue would be a present for America from the people of France. If it could be completed by 1876, the centennial of the American Revolution, the gift would celebrate one hundred years of freedom in the United States. The French had helped the Americans to gain their independence from Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. Laboulaye wanted the statue to stand forever as a symbol of freedom, and to be a token of the long friendship between America and France.

1. What is the main idea of this story? (Circle the answer.)

- A. The Statue of Liberty celebrates one hundred years of freedom.
- B. The Statue of Liberty represents America's freedom from Great Britain.
- C. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to celebrate freedom and friendship.

2. Who came up with the idea of the Statue of Liberty?

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3. Why did the statue have to be completed by 1876?

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4. What country helped America gain its independence? (Circle the answer.)

- A. Britain
- B. France
- C. Canada

5. What war did the Americans fight in order to gain independence?

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6. What does the word "centennial" mean?

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