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Skill: Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty is located on Liberty Island at the entrance to New York Harbor. This statue was a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States. It was presented as a sign of friendship between the two countries. It is one of the largest statues ever built. Upon completion of the statue, it was taken apart and packed into 214 wooden crates. The crates arrived by ship in the United States on June 17, 1885. The statue then had to be reassembled. On October 28, 1886, The Statue of Liberty was dedicated with an official ceremony as a memorial to the alliance between France and America.

Those who visit New York Harbor can see this beautiful statue of a tall woman in a long gown holding a torch over her head. Ever since the statue was placed on Liberty Island, over twelve million immigrants (people leaving their countries and moving to another) from countries such as Ireland, Germany and Italy have been greeted by this symbol of freedom. After a long trip across the Atlantic Ocean, immigrants would stand along the railing of their ships to look at "Lady Liberty." Today, people who visit New York City can take a ferry ride to Liberty Island and tour the Statue of Liberty.

1. What is the main idea of this story? (Circle the answer)
 - A. Many people visit the Statue of Liberty each year.
 - B. The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of friendship and freedom.
 - C. The Statue of Liberty was packed in 214 boxes.
2. A word that means "something that represents something else" is: (Circle the answer)
 - A. freedom
 - B. symbol
 - C. monument

3. Why did the French people give the Statue of Liberty to the American people?

4. What does the Statue of Liberty look like?

5. What does the word "immigrant" mean?
