

WHAT COMES NEXT?!

Directions:

Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.

Students will read “Statue of Liberty: A Famous Gift” and then, create a timeline based on the events in the text.

Students can continue practicing using the graphic organizer for scientific steps and series of historical events while reading any text.



STATUE OF LIBERTY: A FAMOUS GIFT BY: PETER WINKLER



On July 4, 1884 France gave the United States an amazing birthday gift: the Statue of Liberty! Without the base at the bottom, it is as tall as a 15-story building. She is a symbol of the United States. But the world-famous Statue of Liberty standing in New York Harbor was built in France. The statue was shown to the U.S., taken apart, shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in crates, and rebuilt in the U.S. It was France's gift to the American people.

It all started at dinner one night near Paris in 1865. A group of Frenchmen were talking about their dictator and the democratic government of the U.S. They wanted to build a monument to support American freedom. Maybe then, France would have a democracy in their own country. At that dinner was the sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi (bar-TOLE-dee). He imagined a statue of a woman holding a torch burning with the light of freedom. It took 21 years for this idea to become a reality. French supporters raised money to build the statue, and Americans paid for the base it would stand on. Finally, in 1886, the statue was dedicated.

Fun Facts

- * Engineer Gustave Eiffel, who would later design the Eiffel Tower in Paris, designed Liberty's "spine." Inside the statue four huge iron columns support a metal framework that holds the thin copper skin.
- * The statue - 151 feet, 1 inch tall - was the tallest structure in the U.S. at that time. Do you know what the tallest structure in the U.S. is today?
- * The arm holding the torch measures 46 feet; the index finger, 8 feet; the nose, nearly 5 feet. That is a big nose! (Be careful, if it gets cold she may sneeze!)
- * Visitors climb 354 steps (22 stories) to look out from 25 windows in the crown.
- * Seven rays in the crown represent the Earth's seven seas

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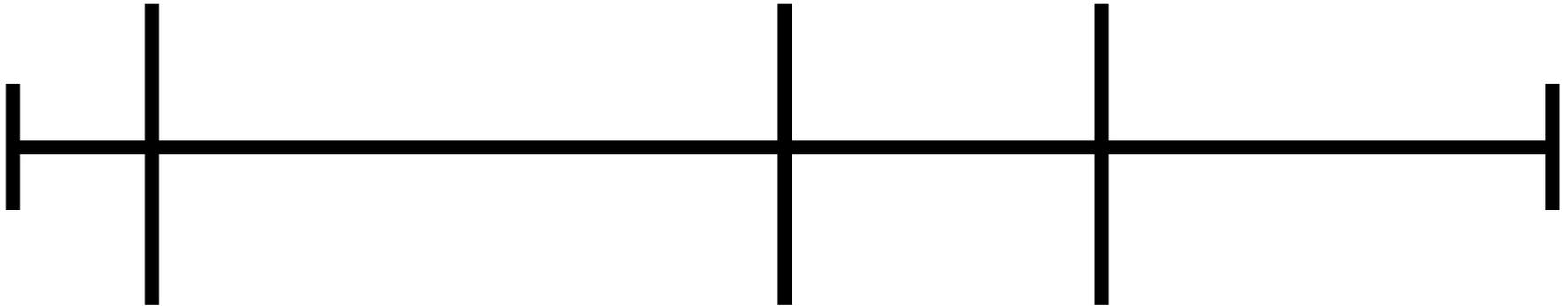
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- HOW DO THE DATES HELP THE READER UNDERSTAND THE TEXT BETTER?

WRITE IN THE DATES FOR EACH EVENT USING THE TEXT

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- WHY DID THE AUTHOR ORGANIZE THE TEXT IN STEPS?
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WRITE IN THE STEPS IN ORDER USING THE TEXT