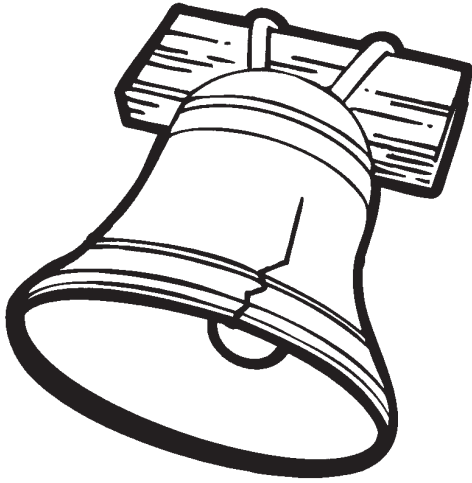


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# The Liberty Bell



The Liberty Bell symbolizes American freedom from British rule. It was rung on July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia after the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. The bell weighs 2080 pounds (943.5 kg) and its circumference is 12 feet (3.7 m).

The bell was ordered for the United States in 1751. Ironically, it was cast in London. It arrived in Philadelphia in August 1752 and was cracked while being tested. It was melted down, and a second bell was cast in April 1753. However, this bell also had flaws. A third was cast in June of that year. On June 7, 1753, the third bell was hung in the tower of Independence Hall.

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British troops occupied Philadelphia. Concerned Americans removed the bell from the tower and took it to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where they felt it would be safer. A year later, it was returned to Philadelphia and replaced in Independence Hall.

The Liberty Bell was rung on every Fourth of July and during every state celebration until 1835. That year, it cracked as it was being rung for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall. The Liberty Bell now hangs in a glass pavilion near Independence Hall.

## Fast Facts

Answer the following questions based on the information above:

1. How much does the Liberty Bell weigh?

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2. Where was it first cast?

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3. Why was it recast in 1753?

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4. When did the Liberty Bell crack?

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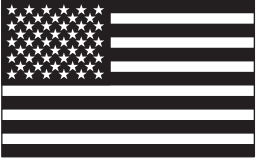

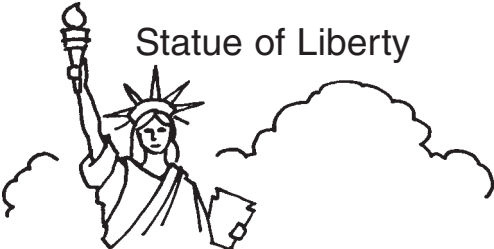
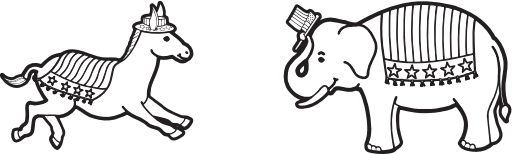


5. Where can you go to see the Liberty Bell now?

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# National Symbols Riddles

**Directions:** Use words from the glossary below to answer the following National Symbols Riddles.

## Glossary of National Symbols

<p>U.S. Flag</p> 	<p>"The Star-Spangled Banner"</p> 
<p>Statue of Liberty</p> 	<p>Donkey and Elephant</p> 
<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> 	<p>Bald Eagle</p> 

1. I am the promise that Americans make to be loyal to our country. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
2. I symbolize the Democratic Party. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
3. I symbolize the Republican Party. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
4. I was given to the United States by France. Now I stand in the New York Harbor. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
5. I am the national anthem. What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
6. I am called "Old Glory." What am I? \_\_\_\_\_
7. I am seen as a symbol of freedom, courage, and strength. What am I?  
\_\_\_\_\_