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## THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

*Where did our Statue of Liberty come from?*

An idea that originated with Édouard René de Laboulaye of France. French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi moved the idea forward, believing that such a project would be best represented as a joint project between France and America for the 1886 USA Centennial.

*What material is the Statue of Liberty made out of and why?*

Copper (3/32" thick, or 2 pennies thick) is the material used to create the exterior of Lady Liberty, which as it has oxidized provides the familiar "patina" green color. Both the oxidization and the use of copper are a natural way to protect the metal from the elements. The torch, which is lit up at night, is covered in 24k gold, with the gold added in the 1986 renovation.



## GOOOOOO ELECTIONS!

2 year, 4 year, 6 year elections, almost sounds like a sports cheer. Yet our Republic is centered in the concept of a balance of power and variety of ways in which the people are represented. The elections every 2 years provides an opportunity for "The People" to elect representatives, while every 4 years, we have a method to elect our President, and every 6 years our Senators (which used to be appointed by the State legislatures). The method provided originally, really did provide a balance for the benefit of the country.

***As we consider the voting process, ask yourself, have votes always been done in secret? NO.*** For most of America's history, voting was very public with no expectation that your vote would be done in private. All elections were non-secret. Just the same as electioneering was public, so was the day of voting. These were public events, to be full of celebrations and discourse. Voters and non-voters would all gather, participating in the community's events. In the 1890's, the voting process began to change as the "secret ballot" aka "Australian Ballot" began to take hold.

