New York, New York...

Do you know what happened on 17 June 1885? Complete the sentences about New York with the right word from the box and the letters marked with a number (1–15) will give you a hint.

1 In the 19th and 20th centuries, immigrants had to pass through Island before they were allowed to enter the United States.

2 Manhattan Island is enclosed by two rivers – the East River and the River.

3 The highest building in New York City is the State Building.

4 Bridge is the longest bridge over the East River, connecting Brooklyn and Manhattan.

5 One of the most famous and oldest hotels is the Waldorf at 301 Park Avenue.

6 The New York Stock Exchange is in Street.

7 If you want to eat Chinese food in New York, you go to Avenue.

8 Some of the most elegant – and most expensive – shops are on Avenue.

9 The building of the United is situated on the East River.

10 Park is the place where New Yorkers like to spend their leisure time.

11 If you want to see a musical, you go to.

12 Square Garden is a centre with facilities for big sport events, pop concerts, theatre performances, exhibition spaces, offices, restaurants and shops.

Solution: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
On 17 June 1885 the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York on board the French ship Isère. It was a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States in memory of the 100th anniversary of the American Independence which was proclaimed on 4 July 1776.

The statue was designed by the French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi. Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the designer of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, was responsible for the statics. After it had been cast in France, the figure was broken down into some 350 pieces, packed into 200 boxes and shipped across the Atlantic Ocean to Liberty Island, off Manhattan in the bay of New York. Sixteen months after its arrival, the Statue of Liberty was inaugurated on 28 October 1886 in the presence of thousands of yachts and historical boats which had gathered in the harbour of New York.

With its 46 metres rising above a pedestal of 47 metres the Statue of Liberty is one of the tallest statues in the world. Steps lead into the top of its head offering a wonderful view through its crown over the skyline of Manhattan. In its left hand the figure holds a tablet which reads in Roman numerals: 'July 4th, 1776', the date of the American Declaration of Independence. The broken chains at its feet are a symbol of freedom. In 1903, 'The New Colossus', a poem by the American poet Emma Lazarus, was engraved in the pedestal, welcoming immigrants seeking a better life. In 1924, the statue became a national monument and in 1984 it was designated as a World Heritage by the UNESCO.