

## **Statue of Liberty Activities for Homeschoolers and Teachers:**

These fun, hands-on activities are inspired by the story of the Statue of Liberty — a gift from France that became a symbol of freedom and welcome. Each activity helps children develop real leadership skills while learning history.

### **Activities Included:**

- Paper Crown Craft
- Welcome Poem Writing
- Copper Patina Science Experiment
- History Timeline Project
- Welcome Role-Play Game

### **How to Use:**

Choose one activity at a time. Most require only basic household supplies. Each activity includes a clear leadership connection so kids understand *why* it matters.

**Tip for Parents:** Print multiple copies and let children work at their own pace. Discuss the leadership focus together after finishing.

# 1 / Make Your Own Statue of Liberty Crown

**Activity Type:** Crafts | **Time:** 20–30 minutes | **Ages:** 6–12

## Materials Needed:

- Cardstock or thick construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Optional: glitter, stickers, or gold paint

## Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Cut a long strip of paper (about 4–5 inches wide and long enough to fit around your child's head with a little overlap).
2. Draw or trace 7 tall triangles (spikes) along the top edge of the strip. These represent the 7 rays on the real Statue of Liberty's crown.
3. Decorate the crown with drawings of stars, flames, or freedom symbols. Color it blue-green like the real statue if desired.
4. Overlap the ends and tape or glue them together to form a headband.
5. Wear the crown while standing tall like Lady Liberty!

## Leadership Focus:

This activity builds **creativity and vision**. Just like the sculptor had a

clear picture in his mind before building the real statue, your child practices turning an idea into something real they can see and wear.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- What does your crown represent to you?
- How did it feel to create something from your own imagination?

## **2 / Write Your Own Welcome Poem**

**Activity Type:** Writing | **Time:** 30–45 minutes | **Ages:** 8–12

### **Materials Needed:**

- Paper or notebook
- Pencil or pen
- Colored pencils (optional for drawing)

### **Step-by-Step Instructions:**

1. Read these famous lines together:  
"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."
2. Talk about what the poem means (welcoming people with kindness and hope).
3. Imagine you are the Statue of Liberty welcoming someone new to America (or to your town or school).
4. Write a short poem (4–8 lines) that starts with "Give me..." or "Welcome to..."
5. Draw a small picture to go with your poem and share it with your family.

**Leadership Focus:**

This activity develops **empathy and clear communication**. Great leaders make others feel welcome and understood.

**Reflection Questions:**

- Who would you welcome with your poem?
- What words make someone feel safe and hopeful?

### **3 / Why Is the Statue of Liberty Green?**

**Activity Type:** Science | **Time:** 10 minutes + observation | **Ages:** 7–12

**Materials Needed:**

- 4–6 clean pennies
- White vinegar (½ cup)
- Table salt (1 tablespoon)
- Small bowl or glass jar
- Paper towels

**Step-by-Step Instructions:**

1. Mix the salt into the vinegar in the bowl.
2. Place the pennies into the mixture.
3. Wait and watch! Check the pennies after 30 minutes, 2 hours, and the next day.
4. Take photos or draw what you see at each stage.

5. Discuss: The real Statue of Liberty is covered in copper. Over many years it reacted with air and rain and turned green — just like your pennies!

### **Leadership Focus:**

This experiment teaches **curiosity and observation**. Leaders ask questions and look closely to understand how things work.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- What surprised you most about the color change?
- Why do you think scientists study how materials change over time?

## **4 / Build a Statue of Liberty Timeline**

**Activity Type:** History | **Time:** 30–45 minutes | **Ages:** 8–12

### **Materials Needed:**

- Large sheet of paper or poster board
- Markers or colored pencils
- Scissors and glue (optional)
- Printed pictures (optional)

### **Step-by-Step Instructions:**

1. Write these key events on your timeline (from left to right):
  - 1865 – Idea for the statue is born at a dinner in France
  - 1875–1884 – Built in Paris by sculptor Bartholdi

- 1885 – Shipped across the ocean in many pieces
  - 1886 – Dedicated in New York Harbor on October 28
2. Draw simple pictures for each event (a ship, a torch, people celebrating, etc.).
  3. Add short captions explaining what happened.
  4. Talk about how people from two different countries worked together to create something lasting.

### **Leadership Focus:**

This project shows **teamwork, perseverance, and big-picture thinking**. Building something great often takes many years and many people working together.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- Which part of the story surprised you the most?
- What does this teach us about working with others toward a big goal?

## **5 / Statue of Liberty Welcome Role-Play**

**Activity Type:** Games & Movement | **Time:** 20–40 minutes | **Ages:** 6–12

### **Materials Needed:**

- Simple props (paper torch, crown, or signs)
- Space to move around

- Imagination!

### **Step-by-Step Instructions:**

1. Choose one person to be the Statue of Liberty. They stand tall with one arm raised (like holding a torch).
2. The others pretend to be immigrants arriving by boat and seeing the statue for the first time.
3. The "Statue" gives a short welcoming speech about freedom and new beginnings.
4. Switch roles so everyone gets a turn being the Statue.
5. After playing, sit together and talk about how it felt to be welcomed.

### **Leadership Focus:**

This game builds **confidence, empathy, and public speaking** — important skills for any leader.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- How did it feel to welcome someone?
- What would you say to make a new friend feel at home?