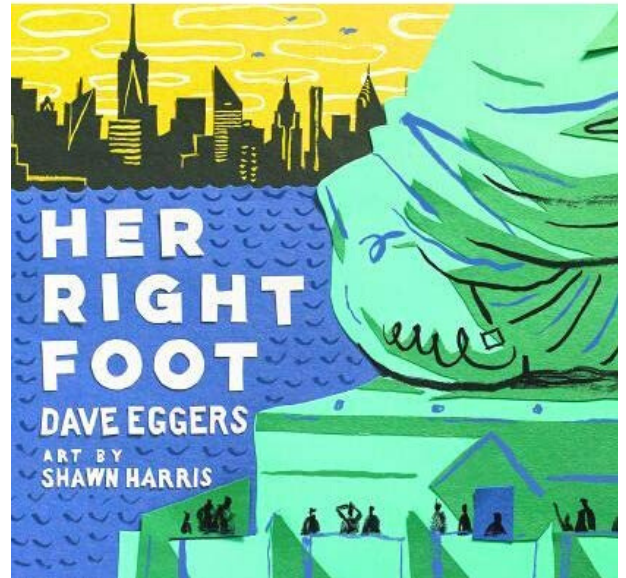




HER RIGHT FOOT

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The Statue of Liberty is a symbol that stands for America- it's the first thing many people picture when they think of our country. But what does she really stand for? What does her right foot mean?



Questions:

1. Have you ever seen the Statue of Liberty? In person in New York City, or only in pictures?
2. Edouard de Laboulaye gave the United States a gift for its 100th birthday. Do you usually give people gifts for their birthday? Have you ever given someone a great gift? What makes a gift great- spending a lot of money or thinking about what the other person likes and using empathy to pick something that is especially for them?
3. How do you think immigrants of long ago felt when they were coming to New York on boats and saw the Statue of Liberty greeting them? How would you feel if you were moving far away to a new country?
4. The Statue of Liberty is moving? Where do you think she is going? Where do you think she wants to go? A certain place, or just moving forward to help others?
5. She used to be chained up. How do you think she felt when the chains were broken and she was freed? This page has a picture of people who are stuck behind fences. How do you think those people feel? Does that look like a place you would like to live? Do you think they would like to be freed like the Statue of Liberty was freed from her chains?
6. Why does the book say the Statue of Liberty is moving? Is she going somewhere, or is she doing something? She's doing something! She's taking action! Can you take action?
7. Is the Statue of Liberty an immigrant? Where did she immigrate from? Why do you think she would like to greet and welcome other immigrants?
8. Read the poem written by Emma Lazarus. What do you think the poem means? How does the poem make you feel?
9. People often immediately think of the Statue of Liberty when they think of the United States. What does the Statue of Liberty stand for? Should we stand for that too?