

History of the Plow

Fill in the circle to complete the sentence. Then answer questions 3, 4, and 5.

1. The first plow was invented _____.
Ⓐ in the 20th century
Ⓑ by John Deere
Ⓒ in ancient times
2. The purpose of a plow is to _____.
Ⓐ plant seeds
Ⓑ prepare soil for planting
Ⓒ power a tractor
3. Would you say that farming changed for better or worse in 19th century America? Give your reasons.

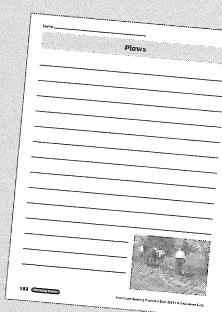
4. What fact would you need to know in order to measure whether farms produce more today than farms did in times past? What would you do?

5. "Necessity is the mother of invention." How is the plow an example of this saying?

Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

Use examples and data from the text to support the idea that new farm machines changed farming.



A Poem for America

Level 1 ■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Name _____

Poet of Liberty

Fill in the circle to complete the sentence.

and S.

Words to Know

Poet of Liberty

difficult
wages
attacked
liberty
wealthy
education
poet
published
poetry
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essays
Colossus
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Poet of Liberty

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Level 2 ■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

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Level 3 ■■■

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For Liberty

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Assemble the Unit

Reproduce and distribute one copy for each student:

- Visual Literacy page: "The New Colossus," page 161
- Level 1, 2, or 3 Reading Selection and Reading Comprehension page and the corresponding Words to Know list
- Graphic Organizer of your choosing, provided on pages 180–186
- Writing Form: A Poem for America, page 162

Introduce the Topic

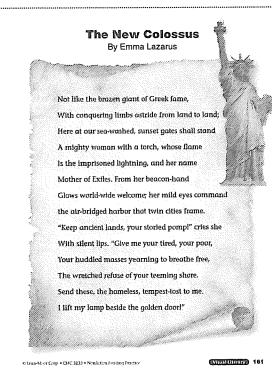
Read aloud the poem to students. Help them to understand its meaning and its challenging vocabulary. Explain the meaning of the poem: Lady Liberty lights the way to America for those who have struggled.

Read and Respond

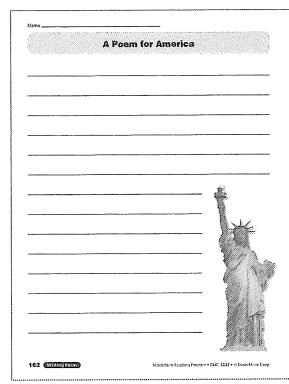
Form leveled groups and review the Words to Know lists with each group of students. Instruct each group to read their selection individually, in pairs, or as a group. Have students complete the Reading Comprehension page for their selection.

Write About the Topic

Read aloud the leveled writing prompt for each group. Tell students to use the Graphic Organizer to plan their writing. Direct students to use their Writing Form to respond to their prompt.



Visual Literacy

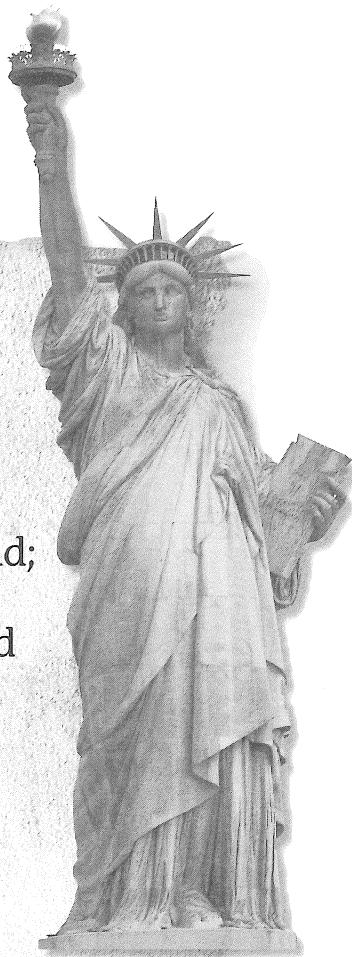


Writing Form

The New Colossus

By Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
the air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”



A Poem for America



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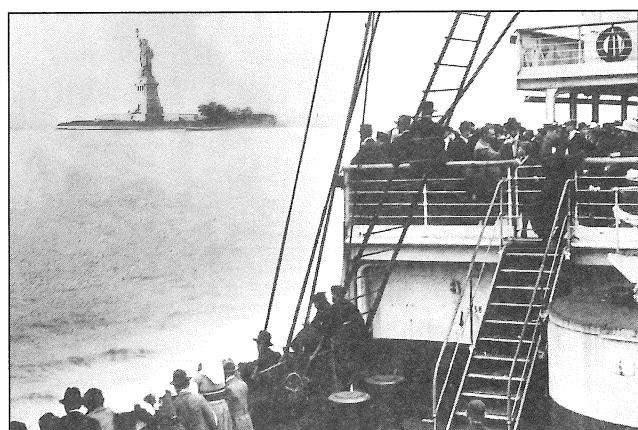
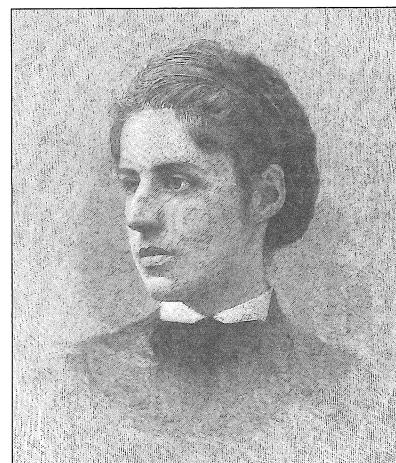
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Poet of Liberty

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1. *Liberty* is another word for _____.
 A praise
 B welcome
 C freedom
 2. The Statue of Liberty stands _____.
 A on a pedestal in New York Harbor
 B in France
 C in places such as Ireland and Russia
 3. How do you think Emma Lazarus came to know about the struggles of people new to America? Which fact from the text supports your idea?
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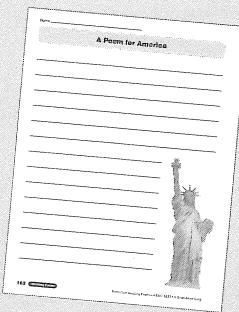
4. In your opinion, what kind of person was Emma Lazarus? Support your opinion with a fact from the text.
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5. What was the author's purpose in writing this text?
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Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

Compose a poem for the America you know. Tell what you are grateful for. Your poem does not have to rhyme.



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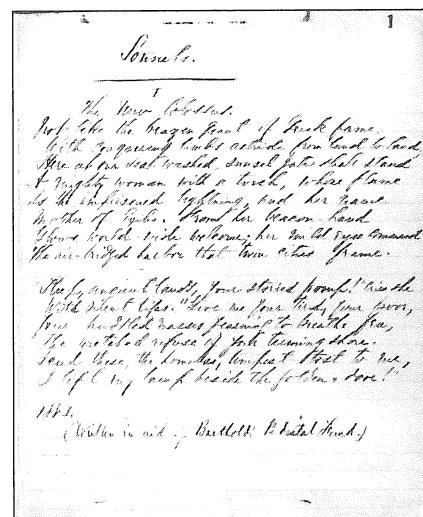
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Emma's handwritten manuscript of "The New Colossus"

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1. A book of poetry contains _____.
Ⓐ stories
Ⓑ essays
Ⓒ poems
2. "The New Colossus" was written _____.
Ⓐ in 1903
Ⓑ with strong feeling
Ⓒ onboard a ship
3. Explain why the Statue of Liberty became a symbol of welcome.

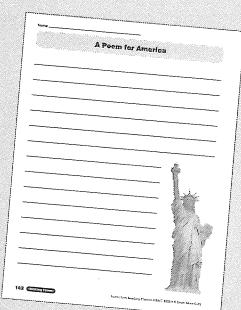
4. Why is Emma Lazarus an important poet?

5. What inspired Emma Lazarus to write "The New Colossus"?

Write About the Topic

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