

GRADE 3–5 LITERACY ACTIVITY: THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

The Golden Gate Bridge

Spanning the sparkling waters of San Francisco, California, is a giant bridge painted a bright color called International Orange. This is the Golden Gate Bridge. When it was built, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world. It connected San Francisco to the land across the bay. The bridge is an engineering marvel!

How It Stays Up

- **The Towers:** Two giant towers reach high into the sky. They are about as tall as a 65-story building. The towers support the weight of the entire bridge.
- **The Cables:** The bridge is held up by cables. The two main cables are over 3 feet thick.
- **The Challenges:** Building the bridge was very hard due to strong winds, thick fog, and powerful ocean currents.

ACTIVITY

Greetings from the Golden Gate

Imagine you are standing at the edge of the Pacific Ocean, looking at a giant orange bridge. It's time to write to a friend about it!

- **Color the Picture**
- **Write a Message to a Friend About the Bridge**
- **Use Two of These Words:** *Suspension, Tower, Cables, Engineering, Fog, San Francisco, Pacific Ocean*

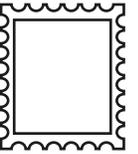
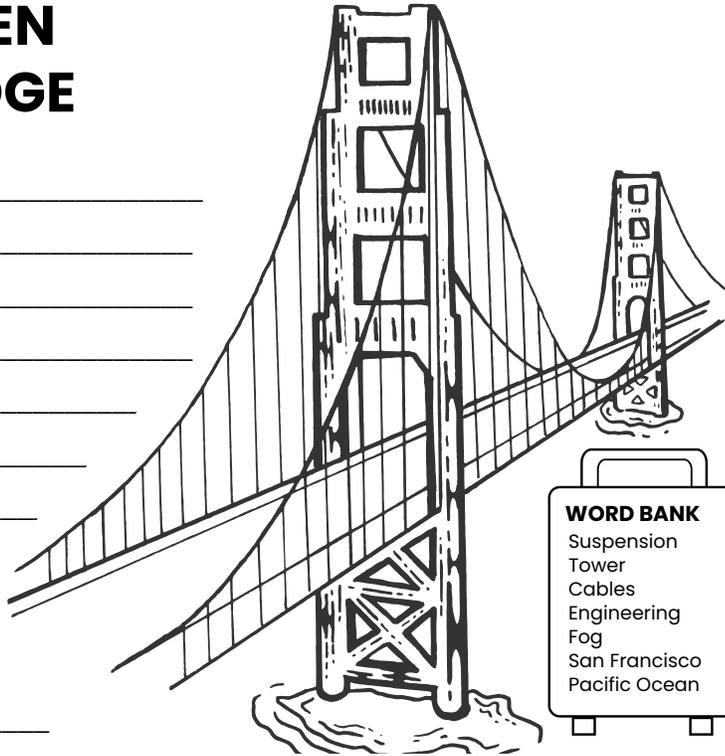
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Color the Engineering Wonder!

THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

Dear _____

Your Friend,



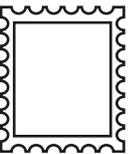
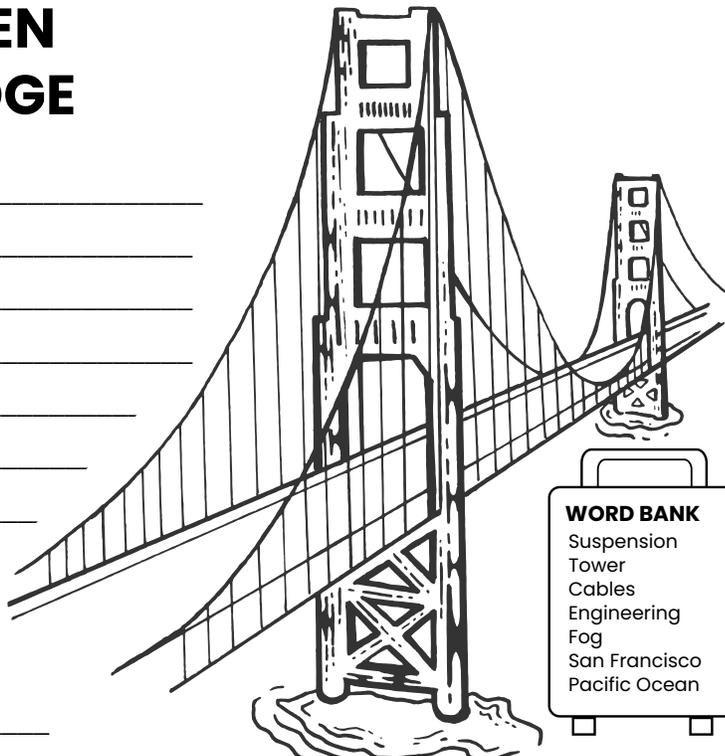
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Dear _____

Your Friend,



SEND TO:

**GRADE 3–5 LITERACY ACTIVITY:
THE STATUE OF LIBERTY**

The Statue of Liberty

Standing tall in New York Harbor is a massive green lady holding a torch high above the waves. This is the Statue of Liberty. Did you know that when she first arrived, she was the color of a shiny penny? Because she is made of copper, she gradually turned the famous “seafoam green” we see today. The country of France gave her to the United States as a giant birthday gift to celebrate our friendship and the idea of liberty.

Look Closely!

- **The Torch:** She holds a torch covered in real gold! It acts as a shining light, showing the path to freedom.
- **The Crown:** There are seven spikes on her crown. They represent the seven continents and the seven oceans around the world.
- **The Welcome:** For many years, millions of people traveled to America across the ocean. “Lady Liberty” was the very first thing they saw. This was the sign that they had reached a land of hope and freedom.

ACTIVITY

Greetings from New York

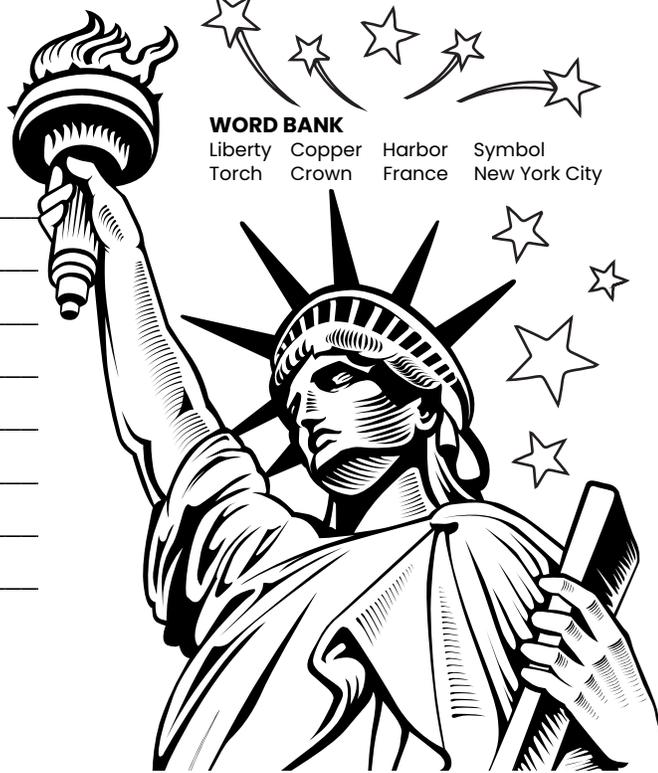
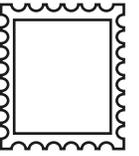
“Today, we are going to send a postcard from a famous place!”

- **Color the Picture**
- **Write a Message to a Friend About the Statue of Liberty**
- **Use Two of These Words:** *Liberty, Copper, Harbor, Symbol, Torch, Crown, France, New York City*

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Color the Symbol of Freedom!

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY



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Liberty Copper Harbor Symbol
Torch Crown France New York City

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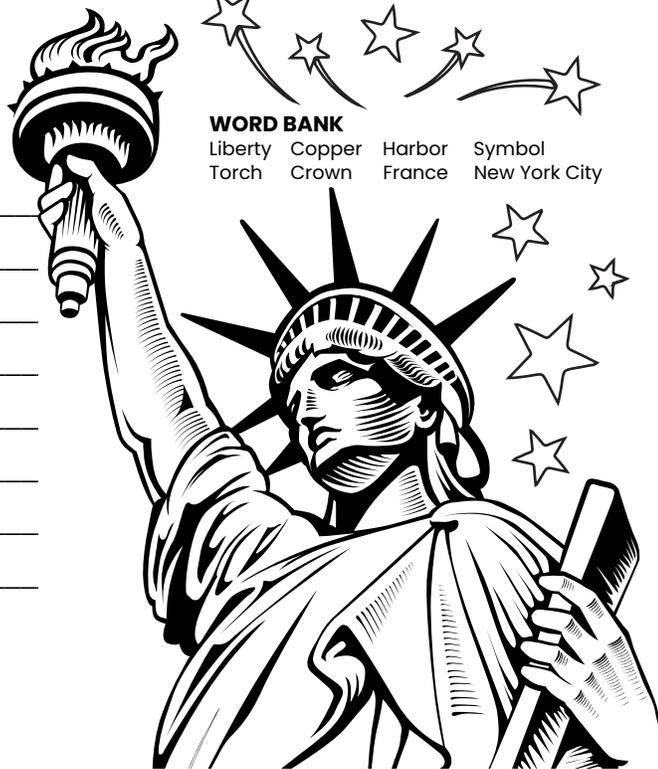
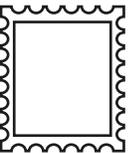
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