

Discover America

Course 14 - Teacher Guide



The End of Slavery

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Key Themes

- Freedom
- Dignity
- Self-determination

Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Explain what a symbol is
- Give an example of an American symbol for freedom
- Describe the Liberty Bell



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Introduction

ASK Students

Do you know what a symbol is?
(allow students to respond)

A symbol is something like an image or a picture used to represent something else. For example, when we see a cross, it reminds us of what Jesus did for us and how much He loves us. In America, the Liberty Bell is a symbol of freedom.

Do you know what freedom means?
What does freedom mean to you?
(allow students to respond)

WATCH

Learn More with Liberty



Episode 14 Cartoon



Slavery & The Civil War

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Key Terms

- 01 **Freedom** - being able to do what you want and not be controlled by someone else
- 02 **Liberty** - freedom and independence
- 03 **Liberty Bell** - an American symbol of freedom that is located at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 04 **Symbol** - something, like an image or a picture, used to represent something else

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The Liberty Bell

TELL Students

Have you heard of the Liberty Bell? It hangs in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The bell weighs about 2,000 lbs. and is made of bronze. It's 70% copper, 25% tin and contains small amounts of lead, gold, arsenic, silver, and zinc. It was made back in 1751 and has a Bible verse on it that says, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." That means, everyone in our country should hear about the freedoms that we are blessed to have. In 1865 the Liberty Bell became a symbol of freedom in America. This was right after a very difficult time in our nation, the Civil War. Before 1865, not everyone who lived in America was free. Thankfully, we had people fighting to change this and make America a place where everyone could be free.

During the past two lessons, we have talked quite a bit about the heroes in our nation's history who fought for our freedom. Remember that President Abraham Lincoln was the leader of the Union during the Civil War. He fought to keep our country united together as one nation and to protect the freedom of all American people. It was not an easy task. Lincoln faced many challenges because some people and some states in the south did not agree with what he wanted for our country. They did not support his goals for our nation. Despite the fights and disagreements, ultimately Lincoln's vision for our country came true! Even to this day we still have people who continue to fight for us to live freely. The men and women in all branches of the U.S. military help keep our nation safe and free.

There are other symbols besides the Liberty Bell you might see that represent America being a free country. We see the colors, stars, and stripes on our flag that flies high to remind us of the freedom we have. You may also see a bald eagle like Liberty and be reminded of freedom. The Statue of Liberty in New York is another symbol of freedom. Next time you see one of these symbols, take a moment to be thankful for the country we live in and that we have freedom.

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Liberty

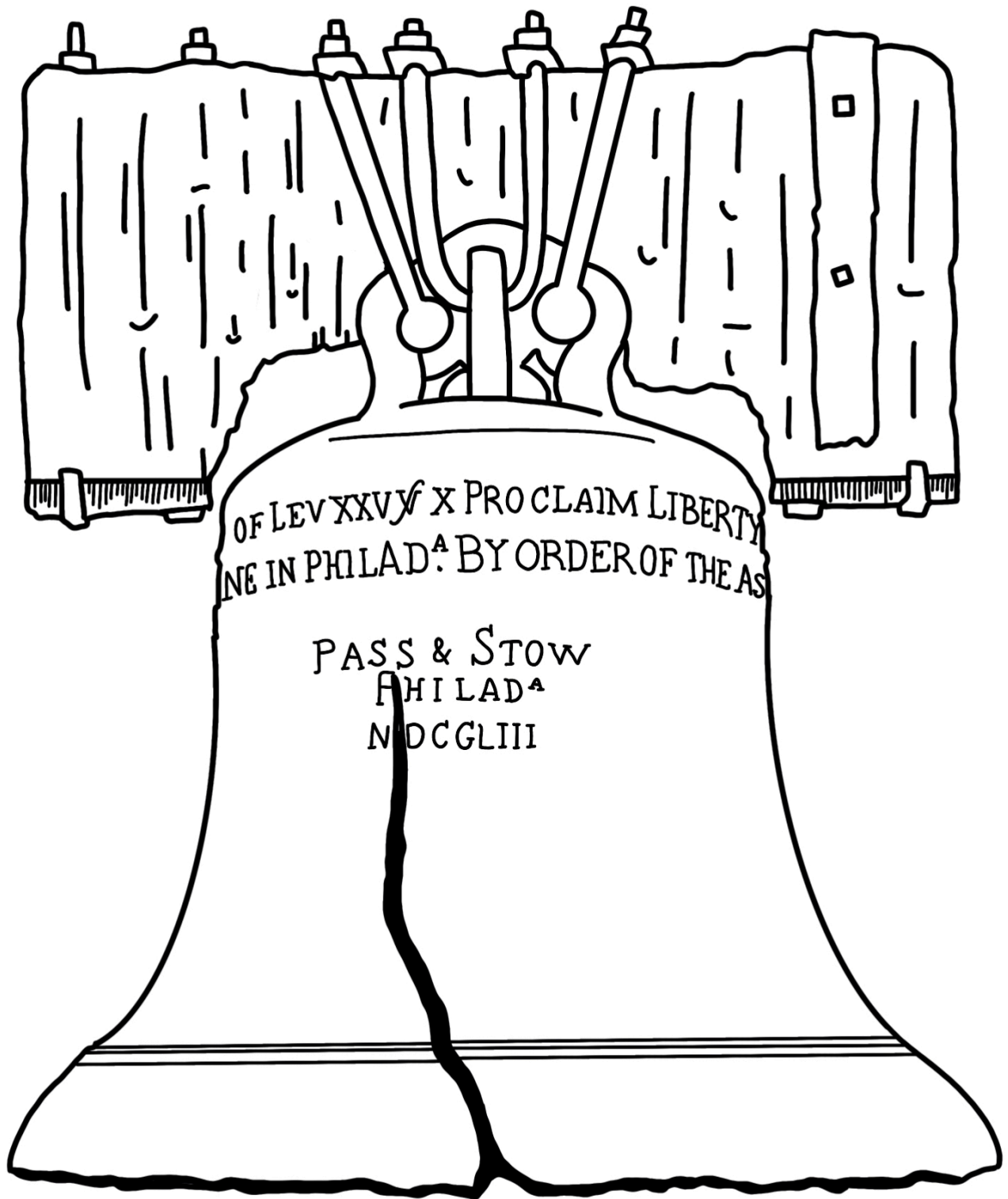
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Liberty

BELL

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Resource List

- 01 <https://www.nps.gov/inde/learn/historyculture/stories-libertybell.htm>
- 02 <https://librarycompany.org/geniusoffreedom/northern-blacks-and-the-reconstruction-amendments/>
- 03 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/our-government/the-legislative-branch/>
- 04 <https://bensguide.gpo.gov/j-ways-to-amend-constitution>
- 05 <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/13th-amendment-constitution-united-states>
- 06 <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/republican-party-platform-1864>
- 07 <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/13th-amendment-constitution-united-states>
- 08 <https://bible.org/seriespage/5-moses-leads-people-out-egypt-exodus-14>
- 09 https://www.senate.gov/civics/constitution_item/constitution.htm
- 10 <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/civil-war-era/slavery-and-the-civil-war/a/the-emancipation-proclamation>
- 11 <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/spotlight-primary-source/ratifying-thirteenth-amendment-1866>
- 12 https://www.archives.gov/exhibits/american_originals_iv/sections/preliminary_emancipation_proclamation.html
- 13 <https://www.senate.gov/about/origins-foundations/senate-and-constitution/senate-passes-the-thirteenth-amendment.htm>

