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## The Liberty Bell

In 1751, the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly in Philadelphia ordered a bell for the State House, known today as Independence Hall. The bell was ordered from Whitechapel Foundry in England with special instructions to include a passage from a book in the Bible called Leviticus. Weighing over 2,000 pounds, the Liberty Bell has the following inscription from a passage in Leviticus, a book of the Bible, on it: “Proclaim Liberty Throughout All The Land unto All the Inhabitants Thereof.”

Almost a year later, the bell finally arrived in Philadelphia on September 1, 1752 but was not hung until the following spring. Unfortunately, a crack occurred in the bell. Therefore two men were given the task to melt and recast the bell. This time, copper was used to strengthen the bell.

The new bell was raised on March 29, 1753. Still unhappy with the bell and its ring, another one was ordered from England. However, the second one was not thought to be any better and thus the original Liberty Bell was kept in place.

Before it was actually named the Liberty Bell, it was also known as the “Independence Ball” or the “Old Yankee’s Bell.” Eventually, the bell became known as the “Liberty Bell” during the abolitionist movement.

Throughout its historical career, the Liberty Bell was rung to call the Assembly and the people of Philadelphia to gather for special announcements. Over the years, the Liberty Bell also been used in historical events, such as when King George III ascended to the throne in 1761, to discuss the Sugar Act in 1764 and the Stamp Act in 1765, the Battle of Lexington and Concord in 1775, and most famously, for the reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776.

How important was the Liberty Bell to the people of Philadelphia? Well, before the British arrived in Philadelphia during the American Revolutionary War, the Liberty Bell was removed from the city and hidden in the floorboards of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania for protection. After the war, the Liberty Bell made its way back to Philadelphia where it continued to toll for such event as former president, George Washington’s birthday and the Fourth of July.

In 2003, the Liberty Bell was moved to the Liberty Bell Center. Today, hundreds of thousands of people travel to Philadelphia each year to see the famous and historical Liberty Bell.

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## The Liberty Bell Questions

1. In what city is the Liberty Bell in? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What country was it ordered from? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. How much did the Liberty Bell weigh? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. From what book of the Bible is the inscription on the bell from? \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Why did the bell need to be recast and remolded? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Give one of the names of the bell before it was known as the Liberty Bell. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. During what movement did the bell become known as the Liberty Bell? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Give two events in which the Liberty Bell rung? \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
9. During the American Revolutionary War, what was done to protect the Liberty Bell?  
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10. Where can you visit the Liberty Bell today? \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Liberty Bell Answers

1. In what city is the Liberty Bell in? **Philadelphia**
2. What country was it ordered from? **England**
3. How much did the Liberty Bell weigh? **Over 2,000 pounds**
4. From what book of the Bible is the inscription on the bell from? **Leviticus**
5. Why did the bell need to be recast and remolded? **It had a crack.**
6. Give one of the names of the bell before it was known as the Liberty Bell. **Independence Ball or the Old Yankee's Bell**
7. During what movement did the bell become known as the Liberty Bell? **abolitionist**
8. Give two events in which the Liberty Bell rung? **Washington's birthday, Fourth of July, King George III ascended to the throne in 1761, to discuss the Sugar Act in 1764 and the Stamp Act in 1765, the Battle of Lexington and Concord in 1775, and most famously, for the reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776.**
9. During the American Revolutionary War, what was done to protect the Liberty Bell? **Before the British arrived in Philadelphia during the American Revolutionary War, the Liberty Bell was removed from the city and hidden in the floorboards of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania for protection.**
10. Where can you visit the Liberty Bell today? **The Liberty Center in Philadelphia, PA.**