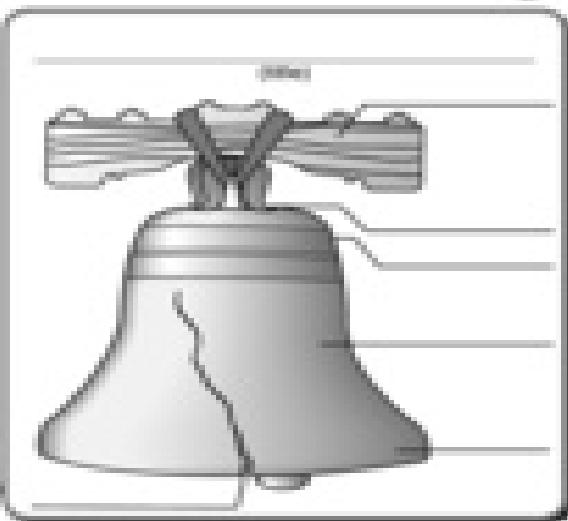


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Comprehension: reading a diagram

## A Symbol of Freedom

Read.

- The Liberty Bell was first known as the Old State House Bell. It was cast in England in 1752 and today hangs in Philadelphia. The bell was rung on July 8, 1776, to honor the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For many years after that, it was rung on the Fourth of July and for other special state events. Around 1839, the bell became known as the Liberty Bell.
- The Liberty Bell has many parts. The bell is attached to a wooden yoke. The yoke weighs 200 pounds. The top of the bell is called the crown. The length around the crown is 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Moving down the bell, you will next see the shoulder. The waist is in the middle of the bell. The lip is at the bottom of the bell. It is three inches thick and about three feet away from the crown. The length around the lip is 12 feet. There also is a crack that extends from the lip toward the shoulder. The crack is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide and 24  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long.



Answer:

1. What was the Liberty Bell first called? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When and where was it made? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When did the bell become known as the Liberty Bell? \_\_\_\_\_

Complete.

4. Use the bold words in the passage to label the diagram.

**Yoke:** Name an item that weighs about the same as the bell's yoke. Name an item that is about as long as the length around the bell's crown. Name an item that is about as long as the length of the bell's crack.

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