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The Madcap Mystery of the Missing Liberty Bell

Trivia

1. The Liberty Bell first got its nickname when abolitionists, people who wanted to end slavery, used it as a symbol.
2. Before the Liberty Bell got its nickname, it was simply called the State House Bell.
3. In 1772, people who lived near the Philadelphia State House (Independence Hall) sent a petition to the Assembly that they were distressed by the constant “ringing of the great Bell in the steeple.”
4. From 1790 through 1800, the Liberty Bell called voters to hand in their ballots at the State House Window.
5. The Liberty Bell weighed 2,080 pounds when it was cast.
6. The Liberty Bell’s famous zig-zag crack occurred when it was rung for George Washington’s birthday in February 1846.
7. More than 1.5 million people visit the Liberty Bell each year.
8. George Washington’s silver household goods provided the metal for the first coins struck at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.
9. The U.S. Mint in Philadelphia can produce 1.8 million coins per hour.
10. In the 1700s, most men wore wigs. Lawyers and merchants wore gray wigs, tradesmen wore brown wigs, and judges and military officers wore white wigs. Those who didn’t have a white wig for formal occasions made them white with flour or talcum powder.

