

Freedom and the Capitol Dome

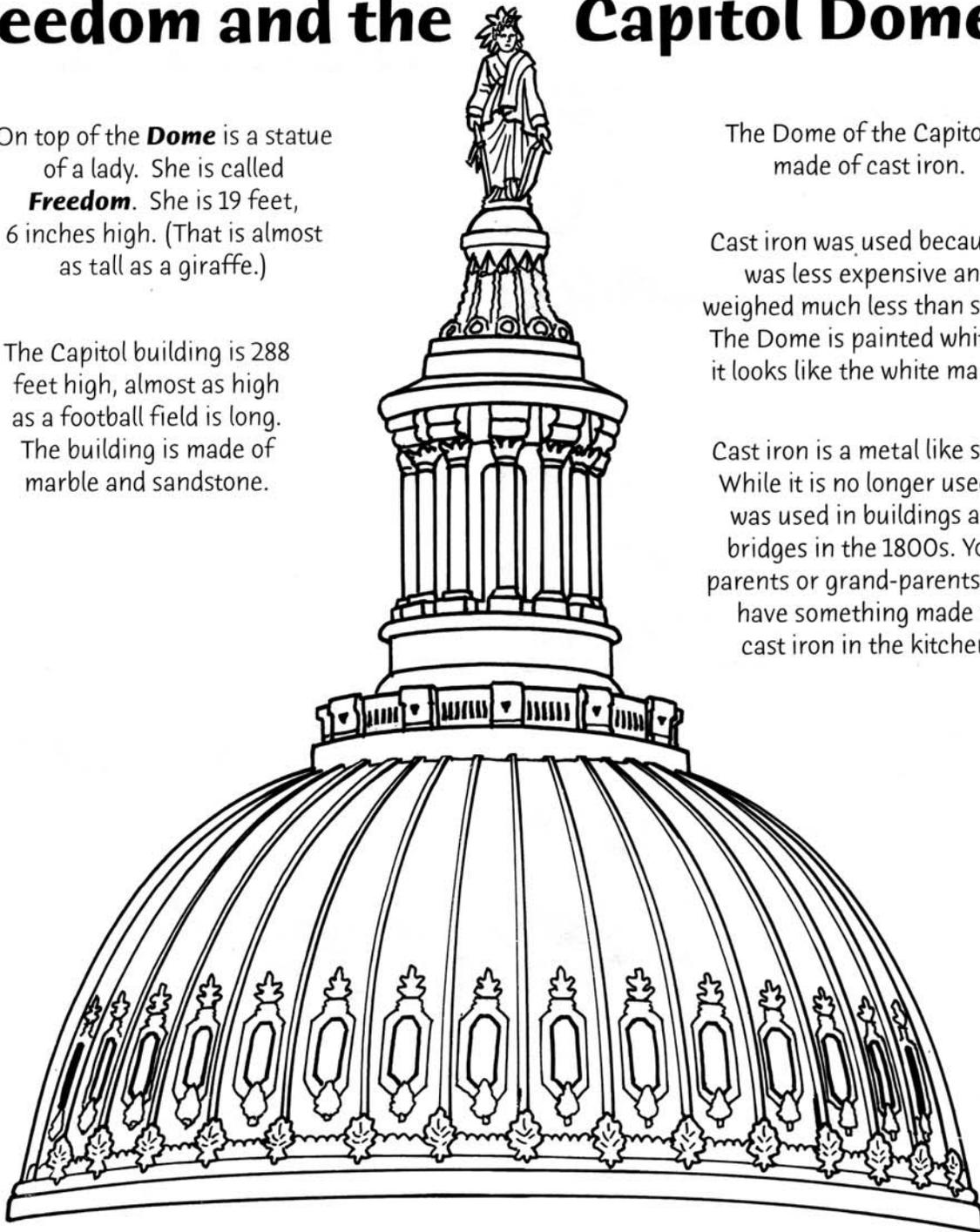
On top of the **Dome** is a statue of a lady. She is called **Freedom**. She is 19 feet, 6 inches high. (That is almost as tall as a giraffe.)

The Capitol building is 288 feet high, almost as high as a football field is long. The building is made of marble and sandstone.

The Dome of the Capitol is made of cast iron.

Cast iron was used because it was less expensive and weighed much less than stone. The Dome is painted white so it looks like the white marble.

Cast iron is a metal like steel. While it is no longer used, it was used in buildings and bridges in the 1800s. Your parents or grand-parents may have something made of cast iron in the kitchen.



To color this picture: You will need brown and green crayons or colored pencils for Freedom. Freedom is brown with a shade of dark green. The Dome is white. You also could use gray for the shadows on the Dome. (Look at other pictures on the cover for examples of shadows.)

To Begin Your Tour: Walk up the East Front steps (the center staircase) and go through the doors to the Rotunda (1).

