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2. What is the name of the tower where the bell was located?

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3. When did the crack first appear in the bell?

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4. Why isn't the bell rung any more?

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2. What is the name of the tower the bell was located?

**The name of the tower was Independence Hall.**

3. When did the crack first appear in the bell?

**People don't know when the crack first appeared in the bell.**

4. Why isn't the bell rung any more?

**The crack could get worse and ruin the bell.**

5. Why did the bell become famous in the 1800s?

**The bell became famous because it was a symbol for ending slavery.**

6. What does the word "summon" mean?

**The word summon means "to call".**