

# The Sheldon Sculpture Garden

## *Old Glory*

By Mark di Suvero



# The Artist...



Mark di Suvero was born in Shanghai, China, but grew up in San Francisco.

As a child, he and his brother were encouraged to read!

As a teenager he built boats and painted houses.



Di Suvero focused on modern sculptures created from wood to begin with, then he moved on to constructions using I-beams and other architectural materials.

He loved the sparks caused by welding sculptures.



As di Suvero was preparing for his first one-man exhibition, he was injured in an elevator accident. His spine was crushed, and he was told he would never walk again.

While in the hospital, he encouraged other patients to begin painting.

With his brother's help, he started constructing sculptures again, with I-beams.



One of di Suvero's favorite things to do is to help other artists, so if you want to get started, one of his studios is in New York City!

His foundation is called the Athena Foundation.



# Questions About *Old Glory*



Was this sculpture made in...



Lincoln, NE



New York, NY



Miami, FL



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New York, NY



# Questions About *Old Glory*.



Di Suvero not only loved creating sculptures, he also loves...



cooking



watching TV



jogging



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Why do you think di Suvero decided to make his sculpture, *Old Glory*, red?



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This sculpture is made from I-beams. What else are I-beams used for ?



Gymnastics



Buildings



Furniture



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Buildings

# Here is a fun idea based on Mark di Suvero's *Old Glory*



## Building with Forms

Now make a model of a building.

Brainstorm the kind of building or 3-D sculpture you will create. What will it be used for? What kinds of spaces will it have inside? What will it look like? What kind of shapes and forms will it have outside? You may want to make sketches of your ideas before constructing a model.

Use a wide variety of tagboard, boxes, tubes, cones and other pre-made geometric forms. You can learn how to tape or glue them together securely. You may use a flat sheet of cardboard for a stable base and to limit the size of your model. Talk about the forms and shapes you are using. Add your own shapes and forms too.

When you have your buildings constructed, add more shapes and details with construction paper and markers or metallic or paint markers.