



Burj Khalifa



Empire State Building

The **Empire State Building** in New York City is less than half as tall as the **Burj Khalifa** in Dubai, UAE. The **Burj Khalifa**, completed in 2009, became the tallest building in the world, a title held by the **Empire State Building** from 1931 until 1971, when it was topped by the original **One World Trade Center** in New York, and in 1973 by the **Sears Tower** (later renamed **Willis Tower**) in Chicago.

WHERE ARE THEY?

In 1980 about half of the world's tallest buildings (including the top 9 out of 10) were in New York and Chicago, but soon the trend began to change. By 2013, the United States could claim only 2 of the top 10 tallest buildings in the world. Both Asia and the Middle East had begun to enthusiastically pursue the race to the skies.

At present the new **One World**

Trade Center in New York is the tallest building in the United States. New York's skyline, shown here, features the **One World Trade Center (1)** on the left, the **Empire State Building (2)** next, and then the **Chrysler Building (3)**. The **Statue of Liberty (4)** is visible on the far left.



The New York Skyline