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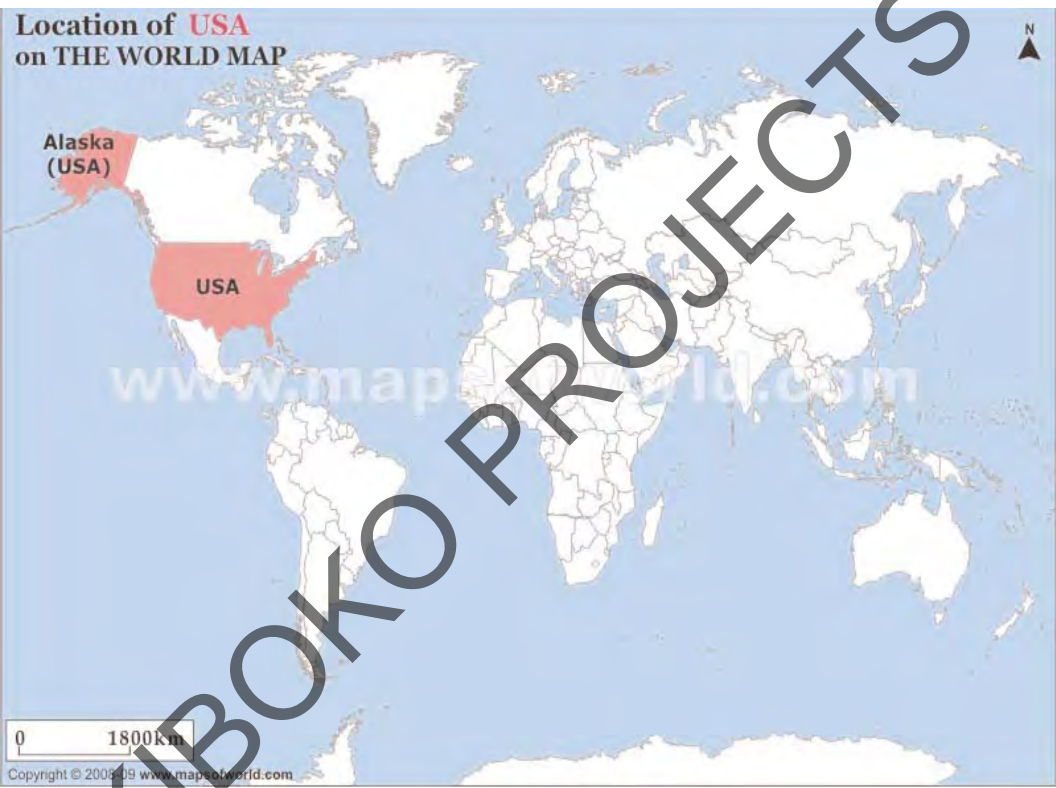
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Our City NYC Geography



New York City is located in the southeast part of New York State, and is comprised of five boroughs. The state of New Jersey is located west of New York City and Long Island, part of New York State, is on east of New York City.

NYC Geography

Manhattan: Times Square neighborhood

This is 43rd street Times Square on January 1st- New Year's Day - and, as you can see, the sidewalks are packed with people in winter clothing (New York temperature in early January is roughly around 30 Fahrenheit degrees, or near zero degrees Celsius). The focus is slightly blurred because when I was taking this, there were a large number of people moving around me fast, so I couldn't stand very still on the sidewalk. Although it can't really be shown on the photo, the majority of those people are not from New York, but tourists from all parts of USA or even the world. This photo here shows the famous fast food chain McDonald's, its Times Square branch beside the Times Square Information Center. There is a popular pattern of advertising in Times Square: All signs and posters are absolutely enormous, or they wouldn't be significant enough to be seen. Times Square is a collection of billboards, famous restaurants (like as shown in the picture, McDonald's, TGI Friday's) and shops alike.



As you can see on the picture, Times Square is a place everybody wants to see, hence the crowds on the sidewalk, so that there is barely a bit of wall between the shops or restaurants or banks.

One street down, creative banners, good posters and vibrant, eye-catching colors are essential if one wants to advertise in Times Square. As shown in this photo, the large connected M&M's advertise the famous chocolate company M&M. I couldn't get both people and the M&M's in frame to tell how big this revolving sign is, but this sign is about two floors tall. Also, it is spinning slowly around, glowing brilliantly in the night sky, and just watching it makes me want to grab a handful of their chocolates. In the background you can see modern buildings, some residential, some commercial, their lights glowing palely compared to the mega-watt lights like a galaxy in Times Square. I wouldn't really like to live in one of those apartments, because Times Square is never a place without people and noise. Just imagine how you would fall asleep!

This is yet another viewpoint to the mini-city of Times Square. It seems like the whole scene changes if you just move down one little street, or even just half a street.



Here you can see that all the businesses are thinking along the same lines: If it's a wall and it's in this Square, I'm going to do my best to plaster every corner of the place with my posters! On the upper left corner you can see the Chinese Sunmoon education group's banner, advertising Chinese Mandarin training. To the right, there are banners advertising movies, like "Human Target", the 007-like movie, and Being Erica. I never saw these movies myself, but if they can get a place on these walls, they have got to have something great. On the middle right side you can see the famous Times Square billboards, advertising mostly commercial items like Toshiba and Coca Cola. Since it was New Year's Day, the billboards show the "Happy 2010" sign. I'm facing south when I was taking this picture, if I were facing north, there would be another similar billboard wall.



From this north facing angle, you can see the north billboard of Times Square. It cannot show on this stationary photo, but all of the billboards are electronically devised, flashing colors full time. Since this photo was taken 2010. January 1st, you can see on the very top of the photo the "2010" sign. I guess New York gets its "the city that never sleeps" partly from Times Square, for if I had this many headlights, streetlights and billboard lights around my house, I certainly would not be able to sleep either! From top to bottom, you can see Toshiba, Kim(car company), Yahoo, and a certain News corporation. On the side you can also see NASDAQ and Ernst & Young. You can never stop for too long in this Square, because if you stand just for several seconds, a human wave will come straight at you!



Located at the southern most part of Central Park and the Northern most part of the Times Square Area Columbus Circle is a Rotary which connects Broadway, 8th Avenue and Central Park West. In the center of the circle is a statue of Christopher Columbus. On the west side is the new Time Warner Building, which also houses the Jazz at Lincoln Center & Rose Concert Hall.

Manhattan: Chelsea neighborhood



Hotel Chelsea is a famous landmark in Chelsea where many famous people have stayed. Hotel Chelsea is where people can rent rooms and live temporarily or permanently and pay monthly for every day. The Chelsea Hotel is surrounded by many restaurants and stores and has a very nice inside. Hotel Chelsea is also very expensive and ranges from \$99 per night to \$259.

This is the main movie theatre in Chelsea where the tickets from an adult costs \$12.75. The Chelsea movie theatre usually shows 10 movies playing at one time. In the movie theatre there is a concession stand where you can buy candy, popcorn, drinks, and food. I go and see movies on the weekends with my friends or family.



This grocery store is called Gristedes where you can go and buy food, products and daily things that you need. Gristedes has pretty good deals, but can be expensive according to what you get.



This is a coffee store called Starbucks. Starbucks is a coffee store where you can buy food and coffee and sit down or take it to go. Almost every block or every other block in Chelsea or New York City has a Starbucks where you can sit and enjoy coffee. The usual costs for a drink go from \$2 to \$5.



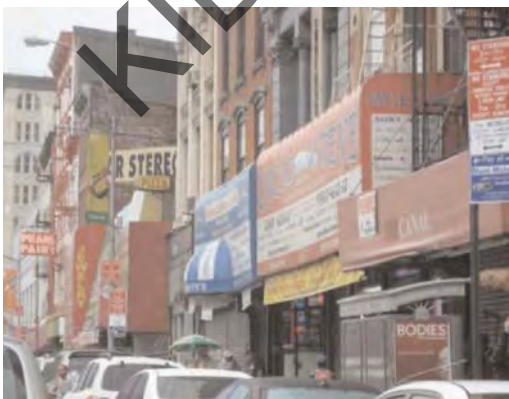
Lower Manhattan

Lower Manhattan includes the areas of Tribeca, Battery Park City, the Financial District, and Soho.

Tribeca



Tribeca is the triangle below Canal Street. Canal Street is the border between SoHo and Tribeca. During colonial times, it was an actual canal, but now it is a place where vendors come to sell goods. Tribeca was the first area of what is now known as New York City. It is here where people from Holland first settled. In Tribeca, there are a lot of places to go. For food, people mainly go to Whole Foods for food shopping and any one of the many restaurants. Tribeca is home to the Tribeca Film Festival, which is a world renowned festival where people from all over the world come to share films. Tribeca is also home to the main government buildings of Manhattan. For example, it is home to City Hall. City Hall is where the mayor of New York City does his job. Tribeca is a historical and modern place that many people call home.



This is Canal Street.



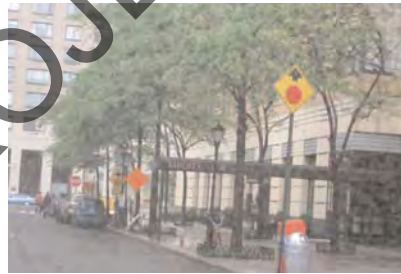
This is City Hall.



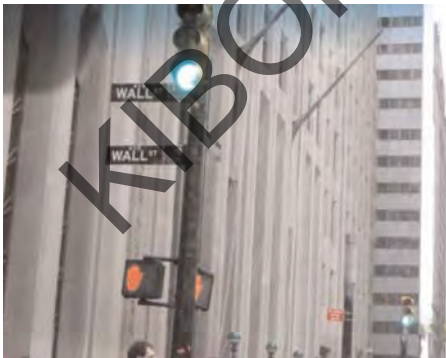
This is one of the many places a person can go to see the Hudson River from in Battery Park City

Battery Park City is a piece of man-made land that was built onto Manhattan. It is very close to, but not part of Tribeca. It is separate from Tribeca, because it is across the West Side Highway. The West Side Highway acts as a barrier between Tribeca and Battery Park City, just as Canal Street is a barrier between Tribeca and SoHo. Battery Park City sits adjacent to the Hudson River. Because of this, there are many places in Battery Park City to see the river. It also has residential places that many people have begun to call home in the past few years.

A residential places in Battery Park City.



Lower Manhattan: Financial District



Wall Street is the location of many of the Financial District's financial companies, and it is a place that was originally built by people in the colonial times.

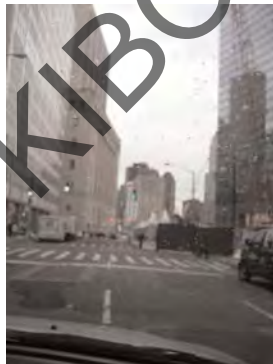
This is a picture of a few of the many buildings still standing in the Financial District that were originally built during colonial times.



The Financial district is the area around the tip of Manhattan. It is there where the majority of people from Holland first settled. In fact, there are still remains of the first settlers in the Financial District. It is called the Financial District, because it is there where the New York Stock Exchange and many financial companies reside. The New York Stock Exchange is the place where many people come to see stocks, trade stocks, and look at the trends of stocks. The area of the Financial District is mostly blocked off to cars to help prevent another terrorist attack like the one on September Eleventh, 2001. September Eleventh, 2001 was when terrorists bombed the Twin Towers (two large buildings that were built to look like twins), which were in the Financial District, and caused them to collapse and kill thousands of people. The tragedy that was September Eleventh will forever hold a place in the people of Lower Manhattan's hearts, because while the towers were mainly in the Financial District, they were at a location that made them also partly in Tribeca and Battery Park City. The Financial district is an area that is extremely important to the past, future, and present.



These are pictures of the remains and the rebuilding of the Twin Tower area. It is known as Ground Zero.



Lower Manhattan: Soho



Soho is the area south of Houston Street. It is the main area of shopping in Lower Manhattan. It is where a lot of people do most of their shopping and it is where they spend time with friends and family. SoHo has many high-end stores as well as in

between stores, and lower-cost stores. An example of one of the high-end stores is Chanel. Chanel is a luxurious French brand that exports fabulously made, gorgeous, and very expensive clothing, accessories, shoes, and make-up to places all around the world. Two in between stores are Bloomingdales, and LF. Bloomingdales and LF are in between stores, because while they are expensive, they are not as expensive as a store like Chanel.

At in between stores, you can also find some very good deals. There are many lower-cost stores in Soho. For example, the stores Uniqlo, Zara, and H & M, are all stores that are in SoHo that people (especially younger



people) go to while shopping if they want to buy things that aren't astronomically high in price. Soho doesn't only have clothing stores; it also has jewelry stores, sports goods stores, electronic stores, and places to eat. One of the best jewelry stores in SoHo is Tarina Tarantino. Tarina Tarantino has beautiful and sometimes outrageous jewelry that generally runs on the higher end of the price spectrum. One of the sports goods stores is Adidas. Adidas has sports clothing, and gear. One of the many electronic stores in SoHo is Apple Electronics; Apple is a brand that makes all types of electronics (music systems, laptops, desk tops, etc.). One of the main places where people go to eat in Soho is the Gourmet Garage. The Gourmet Garage is a market where they have fresh things for you to prepare and pre-made foods (like sushi for example). Soho is lower Manhattan's very own Lake Victoria; it is where people go to socialize and to get food.

LOWER MANHATTAN: CHINATOWN



The area grew up from one of the oldest and notorious areas of the city, known as the Five Points. In the mid-1800's, Five Points was considered one of the most dangerous areas of the city. Murder and violence were common place. It was controlled by the many Irish street gangs who governed the area with fear and violence. The area was not safe for outsiders – they could wander in and never be seen again. Even the police were afraid to go into the Five Points.

Chinatown today is a square mile of Chinese culture, food, and people. Once you step into this area you are immediately transported to another world. The streets become more crowded, the look of the area becomes more exotic, everything is alive. Here all your senses are challenged. The smells of the restaurants, food carts and markets, the sounds of the various Chinese languages and music floating through the air, the vibrant colors of the signs, and the produce create a cacophony of wonder and excitement.



A statue of the Chinese philosopher Confucius at Chatham Square

A fish store on Catherine Street. The fish is brought in fresh daily from the fish market in Hunts Point, the Bronx. You can get some of the freshest fish and seafood in the open-air fish markets.



A produce stand. Similar to the fish market, the produce is delivered fresh daily.

One of the many Chinese restaurants in Chinatown – This one specializes in Dim Sum – a small dumpling like snack. They also have some very unique dishes like Jellyfish salad.



Manhattan: Harlem 125th Street



The Apollo Theater is probably one of the most famous landmarks in Harlem. It was built in 1914 and it has allowed many people to showcase their talent. Amateur Night has helped many people to launch their careers, including artists such as Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder. When many people think of Harlem they think of the Apollo.

Driving down 125th street, this sign is one that really stands out. This is one of the greatest landmarks in Harlem because as you drive down the avenues crossing 125th street you can see the lights from the theater even before you get close. It surely catches your attention at night.



Now Harlem is becoming more appealing to many people. A lot of people are moving to Harlem because so there are so many new buildings and brownstones. Before, the Harlem neighborhood was mostly African Americans and Hispanic people; recently the neighborhood has become a lot more diverse.

Many of the avenues around Harlem are named after important African American figures in history like Malcolm X, Adam Clayton Powell and Fredrick Douglass. These are figures who made a difference in the lives of African Americans by fighting for civil rights and equality,



Midtown Manhattan



Grand Central Terminal. This is the major subway and railroad intersection in New York City, with links to Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Long Island, and almost everywhere else in the metropolitan area.

This is the Empire State Building. It's one of the most famous icons of New York City. It used to be the tallest building on Earth.

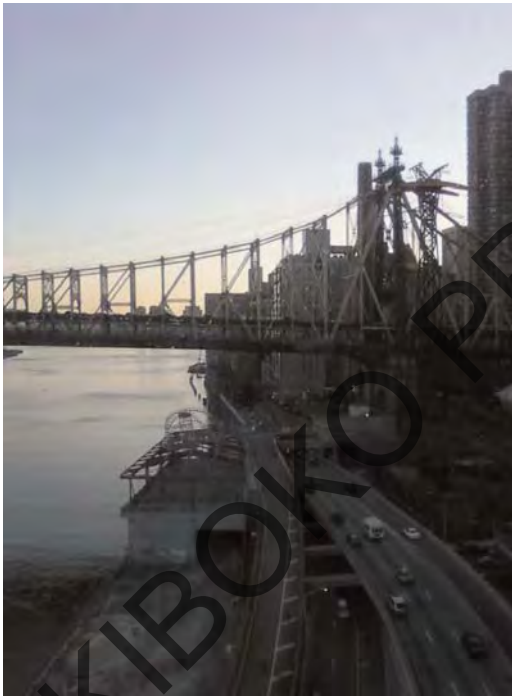


Dylan's Candy Bar

This is Dylan's candy bar, a candy store set up by Dylan Lauren, heir to the Ralph Lauren clothing fortune. It has almost every kind of candy imaginable



This is the tram that links Manhattan and Roosevelt Islands. It's one of the only means of transportation between Roosevelt Island and the rest of the City. It's currently closed, but not for long. It runs next to the Queensboro Bridge.



This is the Queensboro Bridge. It's a connection between Manhattan and Queens, with links spanning to different boroughs. It's located in midtown Manhattan.



These are pictures of Central Park; one on a snowy day in winter and one in the spring. Central Park is one of the most interesting things about Manhattan. In 1859 a landscape architect decided to create this park right in the center of New York City. It's a great element of Manhattan. People who live in Manhattan are used to our busy urban life, but when in Central Park, we can sometimes feel like we're in a more rural area. There aren't many beautiful sights in NYC, but Central Park is definitely one of them. This landmark has become a great place to socialize, and spend a nice warm sunny day with friends or family.

Although Central Park is filled with wonderful things, there are also some bad things about it. The park has become home to many of New York City's homeless. The park has received a pretty bad reputation at night. It isn't safe to walk through the park at night, because of the people that go there



Brooklyn: Williamsburg neighborhood

Williamsburg is a neighborhood in the borough of Brooklyn. It is a mecca for artists and young people alike. It is quite diversified in culture. There are examples in the eclectic graffiti seen on the walls as well as the stores and vendors in the street.

These are a few examples of some of the graffiti found throughout the streets of Williamsburg, Brooklyn.



Williamsburg, Brooklyn is a melting pot of many different cultures. Latino, African American, Caribbean and it is also the home also the home to many of the Hasidic population of New York City. The Hasidic Jews are part of an ultra-orthodox sect.



Brooklyn: Coney Island neighborhood



Coney Island is a peninsula off the southeast coast of Brooklyn. Since the mid-1800's it was considered to be the "Playground of the East Coast", filled with beaches, rides, amusement parks, sideshows and some unsavory entertainments.

The first amusement park in Coney Island was DREAMLAND built at the turn of the 20th century. It was in competition with the nearby LUNA PARK. In 1911, Dreamland burned down due to an electrical fire. STEEPLCHASE replaced it with its famous Cyclone, Wonder Wheel & Steeplechase rides. Steeplechase closed in the late 1960's and later ASTROLAND opened on the site of the old Steeplechase Park. Over the years the area has fallen into disrepair, but Mayor Bloomberg is trying to bring developers in to restore it to its former glory.



NATHAN'S famous HOT DOGS has been an institution in Coney Island since 1918.



The entrance to Coney Island's Famous SIDESHOW.

Queens

The borough of Queens is the largest of the five boroughs that make up New York City. Queens is the second in largest of population and is the birthplace of many famous people.

Queens is the home to New York City's two major airports, LaGuardia Airport, named after a beloved Mayor from the 1930's, Fiorello LaGuardia and (JFK) John F. Kennedy International Airport.



Queens is also the home of Citi-field Stadium – the home of the New York METS baseball team and is located in Flushing Meadow Park. It is also home to the US Open. Flushing Meadow Park is also the site of two Worlds Fairs. The first was in 1939 and the second in 1964. Flushing Meadow Park is also home to the Queens Theater in the Park, the Queens Museum of Art and the Hall of Science Center.

Queens is home to the SILVERCUP Studios where Woody Allen films many of his movies. The studios used to be the home of the old SILVERCUP Bread Bakery. Queens is also the home of The Queens Giant – The tallest tree in New York City, more than 125 feet tall.



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NATIONAL TENNIS CENTER
Where the world famous
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QUEENS: CITIFIELD STADIUM



The first picture shows the main entrance at Citi Field where there are escalators that lead up into the field. This main entrance way is called the Jackie Robinson Rotunda. Jackie Robinson was the first African-American baseball player to play on a major league baseball team. The Mets wanted to dedicate this entrance way to Jackie Robinson because he's an important figure in baseball. Citi Field was first opened in 2009, so it is still new.

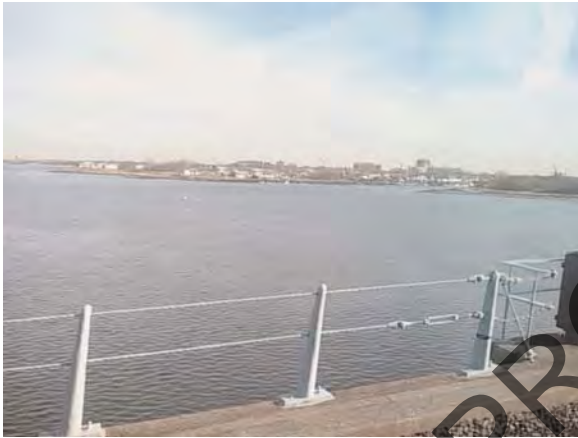
This picture is the view from the highest level in Citi Field called the Promenade. Citi Field is split up into different sections depending on how close you are to the field and how high your tickets are priced. The main sections are Promenade, Field Box, and Field. The closest is the Field level which have the most expensive seats because you get a better view of the players and the game.



This picture shows one of the many places you can get food at Citi Field. Shake Shack is a place where you can get delicious burgers, hot dogs, drinks and shakes. Shake Shack is the most crowded place to get food because many people go to the other locations which are located in Manhattan. Above the Shake Shack there is also a sign with the Mets logo and a picture of the New York City skyline.

New York City: Bodies of Water

Manhattan is an island and is surrounded by water. The bodies of water around NYC play a big part in the environment of NYC and also just NYC itself. Pollution has great effects on the bodies of water in NYC. Pollution is due to global warming thus the harm towards the water is actually from the effects of global warming. Following are photos showing some of the effects of global warming on the bodies of water in NYC.



This picture was taken over a bridge that was built over the Jamaica Bay. Bridges are built over the bodies of water in NYC as transportation for trains and cars. Bridges serve as a great way of transportation over the bodies of water. One great thing about having a bridge built over the water is that the water serves as a great view while traveling to your destination.

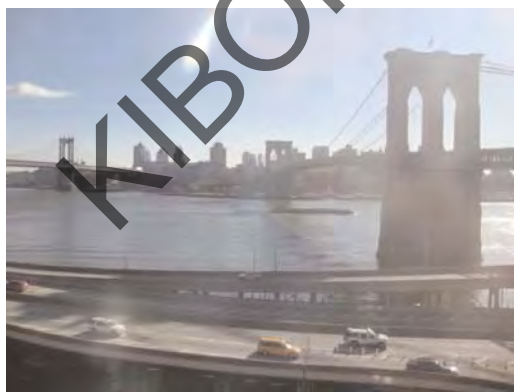
All the waste that is left on the highway will be drained down the pipe and the waste will be found in the water instead. Whenever there is a rainfall, all the water will wash away the waste on the highways such as oil and dirt, which will drain down the pipe and later be found in the water. This process will pollute the water since very often there are oil spills in the highway and the components of the oil will be very harmful to the water.





Around some bodies of water it is very dangerous to enter. Due to pollution there are some places around the body of water that are covered in waste and filth, which is damaging the water and the water's environment. As you can see, this picture shows that this place is very deserted and it doesn't have a very nice vibe, as a beach should. This is what pollution is doing to the bodies of water in NYC.

Here the Jamaica Bay, a body of water in NYC, is being used by the cargo ship as transportation for many supplies and objects. Using the Jamaican Bay is a much easier way of shipping materials compared to over the land, thus the Jamaica Bay is very important to NYC. Using the Jamaica Bay is a faster and safer way to ship compared to using a truck on land.



As you can tell, the East River is used as transportation for boats/ships. Next to the East River are cars that release gas, which pollutes the water and the air around the river. Very often there are oil spills from car crashes or leakage, thus causing lots of issues for the cars and the bodies of water around.

CULTURE IN NEW YORK CITY

JUDAISM



Chanukah is a Jewish holiday; it is known as the Festival of Lights. Chanukah started thousands of years ago, after the Romans and Greeks destroyed the temples in Jerusalem. After the temple was destroyed, Judah Macabee and his family thought that they only had found enough oil to light the lamp for one night. The oil in the lamp ended up lasting for eight days and eight nights. Ever since then, people have celebrated the memory of Judah and his son's battle for freedom by lighting candles at sundown for eight nights. In more recent years, it has become traditional for American parents to give their children eight presents during Chanukah, one for each night after the

HINDU WEDDING



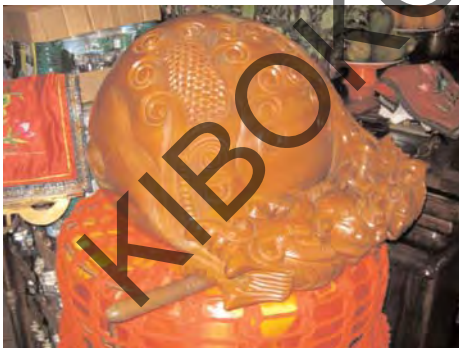
Here is a picture of a formal Hindu wedding. Everyone has to wear traditional clothes. The outfits that they have to wear are very colorful and creative. Here the groom is first walking out of the house while drums are playing. He is accompanied by his mother and father. The drums are not allowed to stop until he gets in the car and starts to go to the bride's house, but as soon as he gets there the drums have to be played again. The wedding ceremony lasts for hours; almost a whole day. The reception is the day after.



These are pictures of traditional clothes to be worn at a hindu weding. The girls wear a long skirt with a shirt, that are nice and sparkly and have designs on them. This is known as a langa. They can also wear a sari which is a long piece of cloth you wrap around you to make a type of dress. The boys wear a tradional long shirt (almost like a dress) with pants, which are all usually white.



CHINESE FUNERAL TRADITION



This is an instrument used by monks, mostly to keep a beat when they are reading scrip- tures or during ceremonial chanting. They are also used during the reading of funeral rites, struck while the monks monotonously read scriptures to help the spirit of the deceased move on. These "wood fish" are usually carried around in one palm, but the one in this photo is huge and decorated; it is situated next to the altar.

This is a photo of the position of the wood fish next to the altar.





Incense slowly smoldering in reverence for the dead, in front of offerings and Buddha statues. The incense that is lit serves as a timetable for the spirits; it is believed that the spirits of the dead only stay for the offerings for as long as the incense sticks are still smoldering.

These incense sticks are also used during cemetery visits for the offerings; the family which visits, prays, and presents offerings and incense usually stays at the tombstone until after the incense is finished smoldering.

The burning of the incense calls the spirits of the dead over to the family for 'visits'.

This is the entirety of the altar with the offerings. It is a public display and place of prayer



Education in NYC



The New York city college system is known as CUNY, or the City University of New York. There are twenty-three colleges in the CUNY system. Approximately 480,000 students attend these city colleges every year. Within the CUNY system there are schools for many different fields including law, medical, design, engineering and many more. There are two-year programs and four year programs. Depending on a student's financial status, a student can attend a two-year program and pay less. But if a student wants a bachelors degree they need to complete a four year program.

Hunter College is part of CUNY, which means it is a public college funded by the City of New York. Because of this, CUNY offers a good quality education for a low price with less competition. Hunter College is particularly esteemed and offers a good education in a wide array of subjects, mainly focusing on mathematics and the sciences. Hunter College is easily accessible by subway, even having its own station on the 6 train line (as shown in the picture). The Hunter campus is extensive and consists of several different buildings. They also have a food court and limited dorm space.

This is the main Hallway of the second floor off the North building. It forms a bridge between the North Building and Jonas Hunter Hall and is visible from the street level. This particular spot is right near the cafeteria and is a popular place for Hunter students to congregate.



Most colleges outside the city offer more towards room and board since most of their students are not from the area. These colleges also tend to have larger, more aesthetically pleasing campuses with large outdoor spaces available for use by students. The dorm experience is one that prepares the student for the outside world.



Brooklyn College, CUNY

With the American College system, there are several types of degrees. They can be earned for a wide range of curriculums and subjects. The first type, “Baccalaureate” degree (B.A.) is awarded for 4-5 years of full-time studies. The second, which comes after the first is the “Master’s” degree (M.A.), usually takes another 4-6 years to complete and is more prestigious than the first (owing to the rigor of the work completed to earn it). The third and highest level degree is the “Doctorate” degree (D.) which takes an average of 7 years to complete (a level of devotion which means that whatever subject it is earned for will almost certainly be one’s career choice). Its two most common forms are the Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Doctorate of Medicine (M.D.). Doctorates almost always require having already completed an M.A. in the same field and Doctorates usually correspond to highly professional, high paying, often intellectual careers. Because of the high cost of college and University, many schools offer “financial aid” whereby they subsidize the cost of tuition for the student. These are usually offered either as need-based or merit-based. Need based applies to students who, because of poverty or low income, cannot fully afford their tuition. Merit based is based on how well the person did in school, which rewards good students and provides an incentive for them to enroll.

On the topic of pre-college education, how well a student does in high school (secondary school) is crucial for their consideration for acceptance at a college, especially with a prestigious and high quality college. Other factors, such as scores on state-mandated tests, extracurricular activities, attendance, and rigor of high school curriculum are also very important. Most colleges require the student to complete a brief yet detailed assignment for their application and almost all of them accept/require a “College essay” (the direct goal of both of these is to reveal the student’s personality to them, allowing them to better judge their potential as a student at their school).

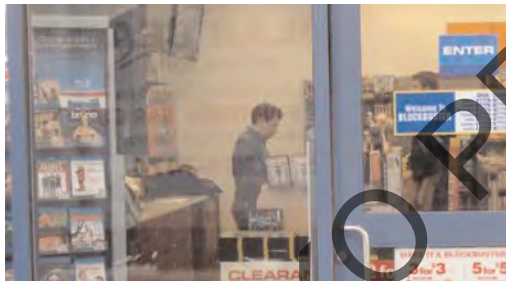
NEW YORK CITY: SOCIAL TOPICS

Men and Women at Work in NYC



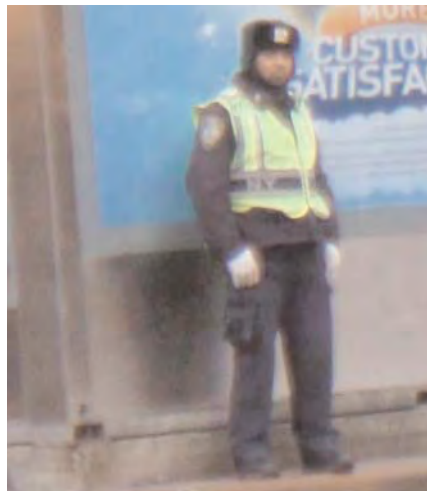
This is an article that I found in the newspaper which discusses how women nowadays are able to support their families. This article points to breaks in the stereotypes of men and woman. When people think about which jobs and gender, they will usually think that men are the ones who support the family and females

are the typical housewives. This article proves it wrong, as there was a 44% increase in women's earnings from the year 1970 to 2007 and compared to that there was only an 6% increase for men. To support this, celebrity figures Beyonce and Jay Z are an example, as Beyonce earned \$87 million compared to Jay Z who earned \$35 million last year.



This is a picture of a cashier/ check out person at Best Buy. Because the economy isn't good right now, there are people who can't afford to buy movies. Instead, they can rent a movie. This way, they are able to watch a movie and won't have to pay that much, compared to watching the movie in the theatres or purchasing the movie themselves.

This is a picture of a police man. His duty is to prevent chaos from happening in NYC. In this picture he is watching over the streets. This picture was taken on a busy street with a lot of cars and a lot of people crossing the streets. His job in this case is to prevent traffic from getting too busy, and he will do so by directing the cars.





This is a picture of females working at a bakery store. Their duty is to serve customers with the bread and cake/pastries they want and be able to make the drinks the customers ask for. Though they might not gain a lot of money from this job, it is enough to help them feed their family.

This is a picture of construction workers. As their job, they mend the ground. This is done to insure that citizens won't fall or trip while walking on the streets.



A common job in NYC is as a nanny. Because the moms might be too busy with their own job to pick up their kids from school, they will hire a nanny. The nanny will then take over as a mom for the child and pick them up from school and make them food when they come home, and stay with the child until their parents come home.

NEWYORK CITY: SOCIAL TOPICS

Alcohol and drug abuse by teenagers in NYC



The morning after a wild New Years party in a loft in China town. People were getting very drunk in celebration of the New Year, 2010. The traditional drink when celebrating the New Year, and other special occasions is champagne. Most teenagers, however buy very cheap champagne because it's harder for underage drinkers to get alcohol.

This picture shows how teenage drug abusers use tobacco. In this flowerpot, there is a cup of some type of alcohol, probably beer, used to put out a cigarette. Also there are Dutch Master Cigar "guts". Dutch Master Cigars are primarily bought by marijuana smokers who empty, or gut the cigars in order to use the tobacco paper for rolling up their marijuana. When marijuana wrapped in this tobacco it is called a blunt.



This is the aftermath of a high school party. Teenagers find ways to obtain alcohol. People either have fake identification, or they ask people that are older than them to buy it. It is hard to get someone over 21 to actually be willing to buy you alcohol, because of how illegal it is. If someone were to get caught buying a minor an alcoholic beverage they would be committing a crime and be put in prison or fined.



These shot glasses in the pictures have Tequila in them and the lime and salt you see on the plate next to it is to help people after they take the shot. People normally take a lick of salt, take the shot, and then bite the lime which helps get rid of the taste of the alcohol. Tequila is a very dangerous drink because people don't realize how much they drink and it hits them all at once. Some people feel as if they are not drunk enough and so they do more shots not realizing it will hit them all at once. There is also a beer and cigarettes in the back round which are both really bad for you. This shows how easily people get drugs and harm their body.

This is a photo of a bonfire on the beach. In the fire the box of Mike's hard cranberry lemonade is thrown in, which is a mixed alcohol. This type of alcohol can be very bad because it is so sweetened and mixed with other juices it can be drunk very quickly and people don't notice the amount they are drinking. Bonfires also can be dangerous if anything gets out of hand, but it's mostly just for fun with or without drinks. If the group of people is not that close they will some times buy drinks just to make it easier to all bond together and not be shy, but it is not advised.



This picture was taken at a party where people were smoking weed in a bong, which is the long colorful thing you see on the table, as well as playing beer pong. It is a typical game that people play on a long table where they try to get the ping pong ball in the cup with the beer in it. Once the ball is in the team must drink the beer in the cup. There are many cups and it is a very easy way to get drunk.

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Poverty in NYC



Here in this picture is a sign for an apartment for rent. This is because the owners of the apartment may not have been able to afford the rent to pay. This may be due to the recession and the loss of jobs. When people aren't able to pay for their rent they are forced to find another place to stay. In some cases, some people who leave their apartments are forced to live in shelters or the streets.

In this photo is a rundown building. In this building used to be a business company that was shut down and now is a left alone structure. From this there are many jobs lost and many workers displaced and now are forced to search for a new job so that they can earn money.



There is a picture of a man sleeping in the corner of a church on the steps. The man is sleeping on cardboards wrapped in any rags he could find. The cart next to him is all his belongings. That is all that he has left that he is able to call his. The cans on the side of the cart is a way for him to get money

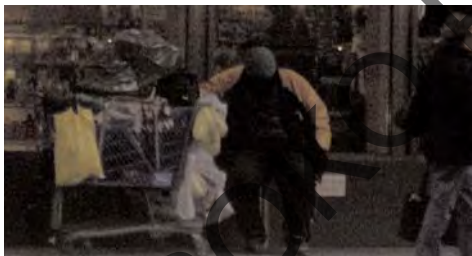
People who live in the streets are often found in street corners or near graffitied walls. People often don't understand the writings and messages put on these walls. Sometimes these drawings and writings are put there for a meaning and represent a certain important issue.





This man here is seen sleeping on the steps at a NYC subway station because he has nowhere else to sleep.

The man in this photo has no shelter and no bed to sleep in and the best he can do is sleep on the stoop.



This woman is sitting in front of a store with a stolen grocery cart filled with her belongings as she lives her life on the streets.

This man belongs to a homeless shelter but keeps his cart that contains recyclable items that may earn him money so he can get out the shelter into a real home (but it takes more than that to earn money in New York)



Recreation in NYC



These are kids playing basketball in a community park in Lower Manhattan where everyone is allowed to play. There are swings, benches, grassy areas for people to sit and look at the Hudson River. It's a very nice park. It is located close to a elementary school, middle school, high school, and college so there are people of all age groups in the area.

This photo shows some kids who are just fooling around in between playing football at Asphalt Green. They all come to Asphalt Green because it is a very nice field which is relatively close to our school so it is convenient for everyone to get there. It is very spacious so while the boys are playing football other people can play soccer, catch or just sit around.



This is a picture of boys from our school playing football. Every Friday when the weather is nice the boys play football. There's usually 20 boys and they play tackle football for around 2 hours and then hang out afterwards. Mostly the girls play catch or watch on the side and when the boys are done playing they all hang out together and go get food. It's a very big nice afterschool activity.



This is a picture of girls in our school playing softball after school against another school. This is an image of the girls softball game. Some girls in our school join the softball team because they really enjoy the sport. They practice everyday after school and before school. After school about twice or three times a week they have games against other schools. Some kids go to cheer them on and everyone celebrates when they win.



This is the scenery from the river at Asphalt Green. People hang out here after the football games.



This is a bunch of us walking to somebody's house after school. Since some kids live very close to school they invite kids over to hang out, eat, and do homework. The reason why people are in costume is it was the day before Halloween, which is a holiday where everyone dresses in costume. The reason why they are dressed up the day before is our school celebrates it and the holiday landed on the weekend.

This is a picture of a little kid playing baseball at Asphalt Green, which is a place that many people from my school go to hang out at when the weather gets nice.



This is a picture of kids from our school playing soccer at lunch last spring. John Jay Park is a park very close to our school which is where a lot of kids eat lunch as well as hang out after school. The park is big and you can always find people from our school there. There is another park right across from this one where little kids go to play also. We use this park for gym too when the weather is nice enough to go outside.



Kids playing ball.



This is a bird's eye view of Asphalt Green. This is located on the Upper East Side. Many student from my school come here to play baseball, softball, football, soccer, basketball, and more.

Our School



This is a picture of our school, Eleanor Roosevelt High School. This is the place where we learn our school subjects. In this school we have variety of options to choose from for our classes. Every year we have to take a science, math, English, and a history class. We also can pick a language, either French or Spanish, and we can also pick one elective from many choices. In here we have the grades 9-12th grade. There are about 125 students per grade.

This is the "gym". It is very small as it is formatted as a dance studio. Sports teams such as the basketball team practice and play at other schools nearby, which have bigger gyms. Every student has physical education at least 2 times a week. In the colder weather, we do activities indoors and when it is warmer we do activities at nearby John Jay Park. Indoor activities have to be altered to comply with the size of the gym, so many activities are created by the gym teachers, and therefore, are original to Eleanor Roosevelt.



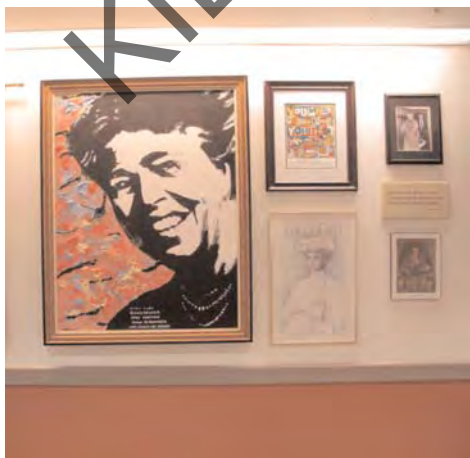
This is the cafeteria. Students have an option to eat inside or go outdoors to anywhere of their choice. Many people do not take advantage of our free lunch program and choose to go to an outside location to eat lunch. Breakfast is also served for free before classes start in the morning.

This is where the food is prepared. It is kept very clean. Students choosing to eat lunch here are required to have three items or more on their tray.



This is a music class where students learn to play musical instruments. The instruments are provided to each student. Instruments include guitar, drums, flute, clarinet, etc.

Our school is very concerned with environmental issues such as recycling. These assortments of trash cans are displayed in each of the 5 hallways and there are recycling bins in each classroom.



These illustrations are portrayed in the lobby of our school. This woman is Eleanor Roosevelt, the woman whom our school was named after. We celebrate her birthday by reviewing the important facts about her life.



This is the library. Students come here for a quiet place to work during school and after school. There are many books to use and borrow. The computers are available to students who need them. For students that don't have access to computers at home, this is very helpful.

This is the computer lab. There is access to many computers here, and students have the option to work here after school.



In this picture, the Eleanor Roosevelt girls' softball team is playing softball. Softball is a game like baseball except with underhand pitching and instead of a baseball we use a softball, which is about twice the size of a baseball.

In this picture a player for the Eleanor Roosevelt team is at bat. During softball when we are at bat we are awaiting the underhand pitch from the pitcher. The pitch can either be a ball or strike. Hopefully we get 4 balls to get a walk or a good pitch to hit out of the park for a homerun.

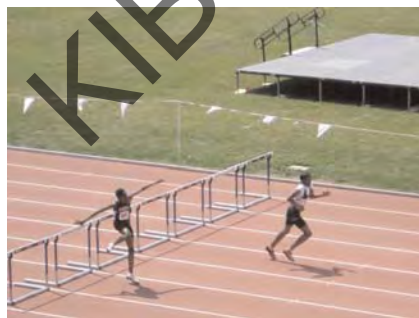




These are pictures of people running on a track. They are competing in many events. These events include the 100 meter run, 400 meter run, 1 mile, 200 meter run, 800 meter run, and many more. The students are competing against other high schools in New York City. Many schools compete every weekend and some times during the week. This track meet is at a new stadium built for track, soccer and other sports. Usually track meets held here are only on the weekends. The track meets on the weekends start from 9am to around 3pm.



Boys here are waiting to be called to race. They usually wait on the sidelines and practice to get warmed up. Each school has a different uniform, which helps us to identify the members of each team and helps us to cheer on our team.



Here is a picture of two kids doing the hurdles on a 100 meter run with hurdles through out the 100 meters. In track meets they don't only have straight runs, but they also have races where they jump over each hurdle. Steeple chase is when you jump over these long bars that are spread out through out the track and you run around the track 4 times. There's also the shot put, which is when someone has to throw a heavy ball a long distance. There is also the long jump, where the distance a member jumps is measured. These events take place at the more popular track meets on the weekends. At the ones during the school week, there are only simple races with just the meter runs and the mile.

Glossary

- § AMNY (AM New York): A newspaper company in New York.
- § Adidas: Sports clothing and accessories brand
- § Apple Electronics: brand name. Very popular! Almost everyone has an apple iPod.
- § Beyonce and Jay Z: famous Singers in the USA
- § Blockbuster: A famous company where people can rent movies for a small fee.
- § Bloomingdales: clothing/department store
- § Borough: parts of New York (Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.
- § Cafeteria: A lunchroom. Students can choose to eat there during their lunch period. It's a place to socialize.
- § Cargo ship: A ship that transports supplies and objects from one place to another.
- § Chanel: French brand of clothing. A very expensive and high-end name.
- § Deli: a small store where they sell foods and snacks such as sandwiches, drinks, candy, etc.
- § Duane Reade: A chain drug store in NYC. It sells food, cards, toiletries, and much more. They are on almost every 3 blocks, so they are extremely accessible.
- § Grocery Store: a place to go to get any food products you need.
- § H & M: A popular Swedish brand of clothing.
- § Highway: A main public road for motor transport.
- § LF: clothing store
- § M&M: A type of chocolate candy sold world wide.
- § Sorn and Alaneya: traditional Indian outfit not worn for fun. Its worn for weddings, funerals and work.
- § Subway: a type of transportation used in New York City. Also called the train.
- § Tarina Tarantino: jewelry store.
- § Theatre: a place to go and watch filmed shows
- § Uniqlo: a Japanese brand that exports clothing to America.
- § Zara: a Spanish brand that exports nicely made and reasonably priced clothes to America.

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