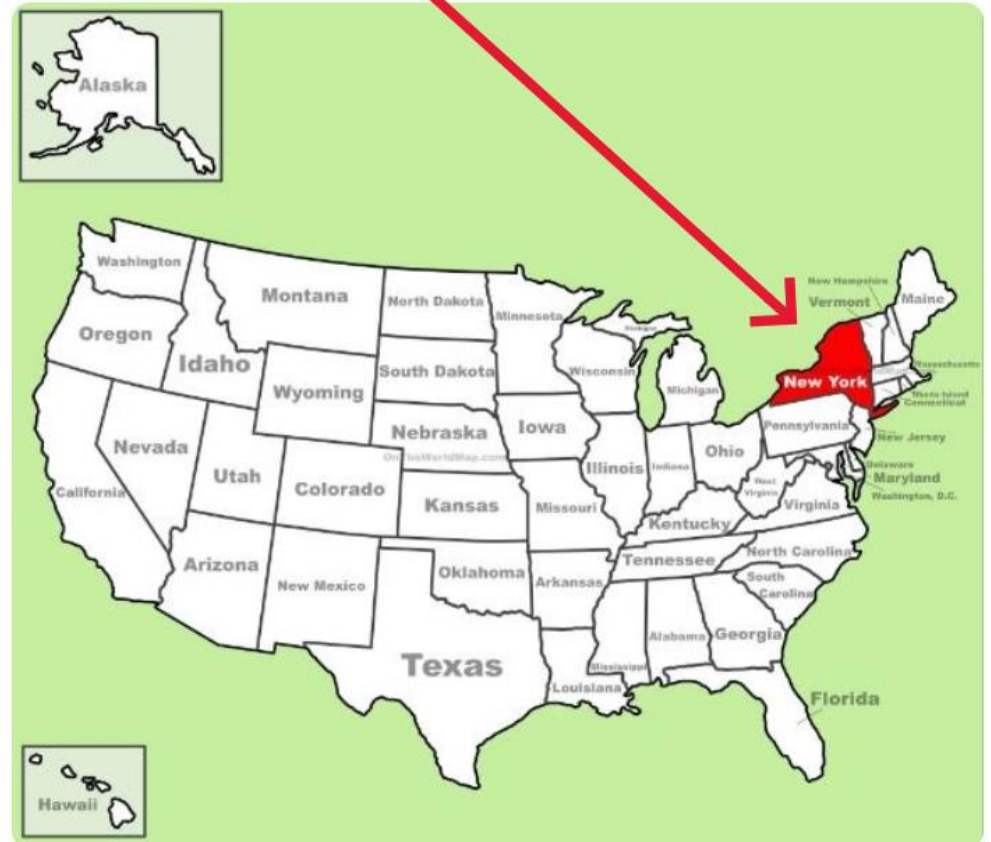


19 FACTS ABOUT NEW-YORK



FACT 1

New York City is located within the State of New York





FACT 2

New York City is composed of **5 boroughs**.

From North to South :

the Bronx in the North ,

Brooklyn in the South ,

Queens in the East ,

Staten Island in the South-West and

Manhattan in the North-West





FACT 3

MANHATTAN is the oldest and the smallest borough of New York City . It has the tallest buildings and skyscrapers

THE BRONX is the most northern borough of New York City. It is full of beautiful parks and it is home of the famous Yankee Stadium where the New York Yankee's baseball team plays.

STATEN ISLAND is the most southwestern borough of New York City . It is the least populated borough. From the Staten Island Ferry you can see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.



QUEENS is the most eastern borough of New York City . It is considered the most diverse place in the world , because approximately 138 languages are spoken there. Queens is home to 2 airports : John F.Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport.

BROOKLYN has the reputation of being the coolest borough of New York City and is home to the most diverse restaurants.

FACT 4

New York has got many **nicknames**.
It is called "**The Big Apple**" or "**The City that never sleeps**" because there is always something to do and somewhere to go in New York City.

It's a city that is open 24 hours a day !



New York is a city
of superlatives and
records

Times Square is nicknamed
"**The crossroad of the world**"

FACT 5

New York is extremely **cosmopolitan** ,
that's why it is called
the "**Melting Pot**" of America.



FACT 6

The **first European** to discover
New York in **1524** was
an **Italian explorer** called
Giovanni da Verrazano



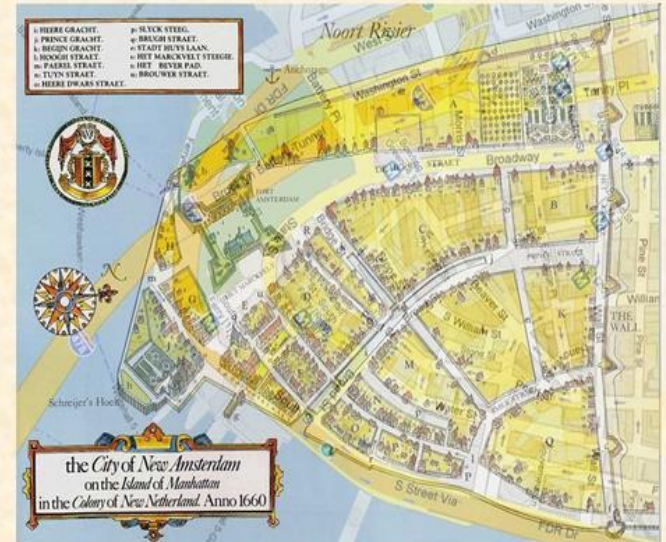
FACT 7

The first Europeans to colonize the island were **the Dutch**. They settled in **Manhattan** in **1624** and started trading fur. In **1626** they bought Manhattan from **the Indians** for **60 guilders**, that is **\$24** and named it **New Amsterdam**.

MANHATTAN = an Indian name "MANAHTIN" meaning "island of the hills"



- The **Dutch West India Company** set up the colony of **New Amsterdam** in what is today New York City in **1624**.

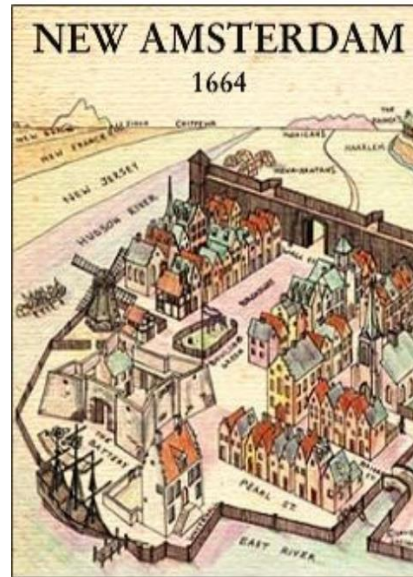


FACT 8

In **1664**, the **British** captured New Amsterdam from the Dutch and **changed its name to New York**, in honour of the Duke of York, the English King's brother.



James, Duke of York and Albany



FACT 9

New York remained English until **1783** when the **Americans won the Revolutionary war against England**. That year they made **New York the first capital city of the USA**.

The **American Revolutionary War 1775-1783** also known as the **American War of Independence**, was a war between **Great Britain and its Thirteen Colonies (allied with France)** which declared independence as the **United States of America**.



Washington and Lafayette inspect the troops at Valley Forge.





FACT 10

For many years , **millions of immigrants** came from **Europe and Asia** to settle in New York .

They were looking for **religious or political freedom** and **a better life**.

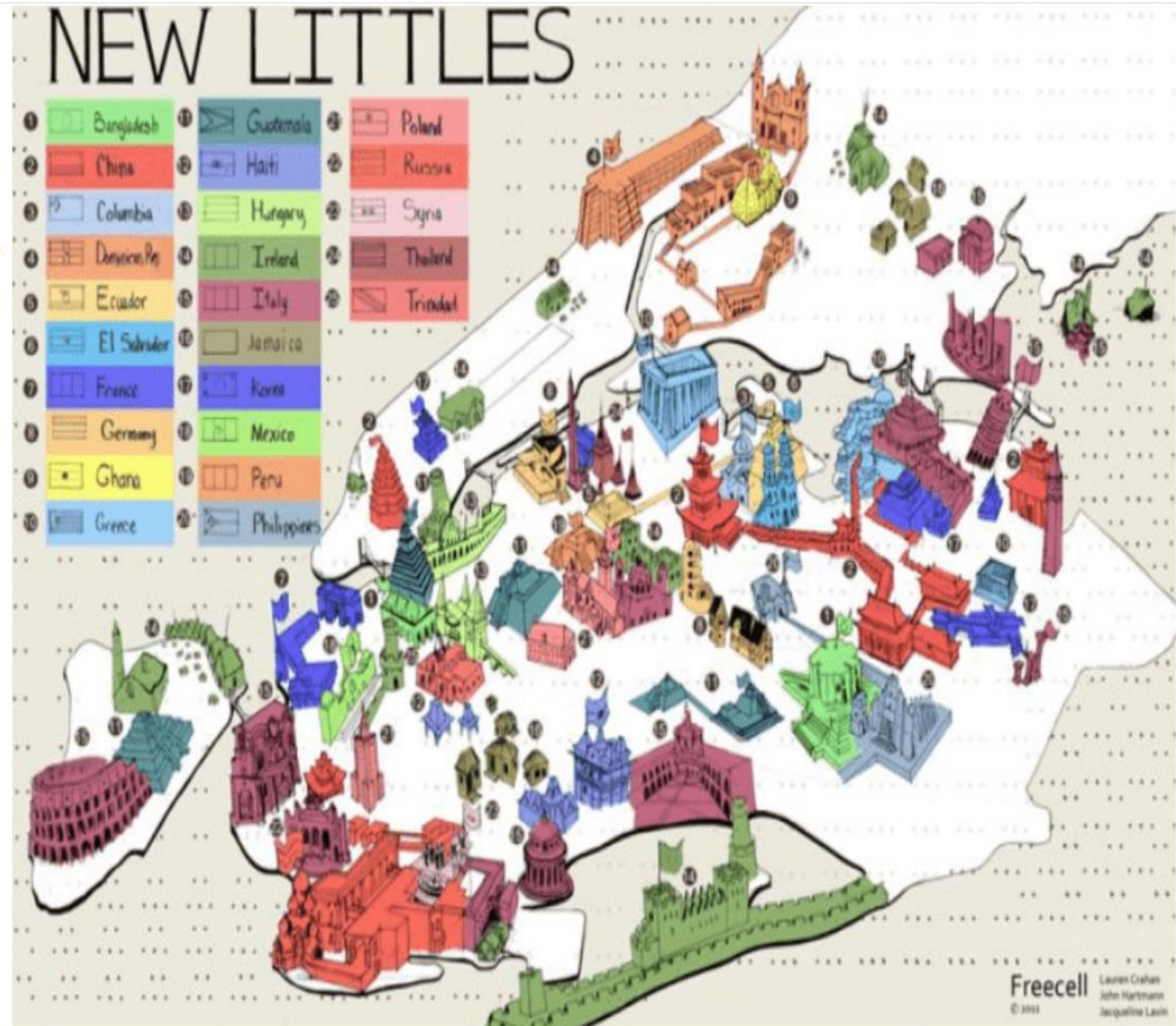
They wanted to live **"The American Dream"**





FACT 11

Nowadays , New York is an **important cultural , economic and financial center.**
New York is an exciting city because it has **a multicultural population** with many **different traditions , cultures and lifestyles.**

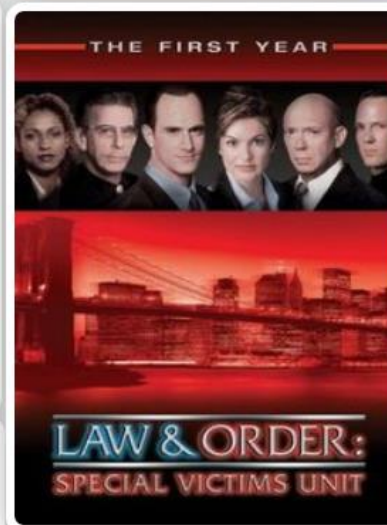




FACT 12

Manhattan is not very big but it's very famous .

Many TV series and films are shot in Manhattan , so the skyline is a familiar sight to people all over the world .



TV series shot in New York Manhattan

You can admire the famous Manhattan skyline by sailing around the city on boat.



FACT 13

In Manhattan most of the streets and the avenues are straight except one very famous which goes from the North to the South.

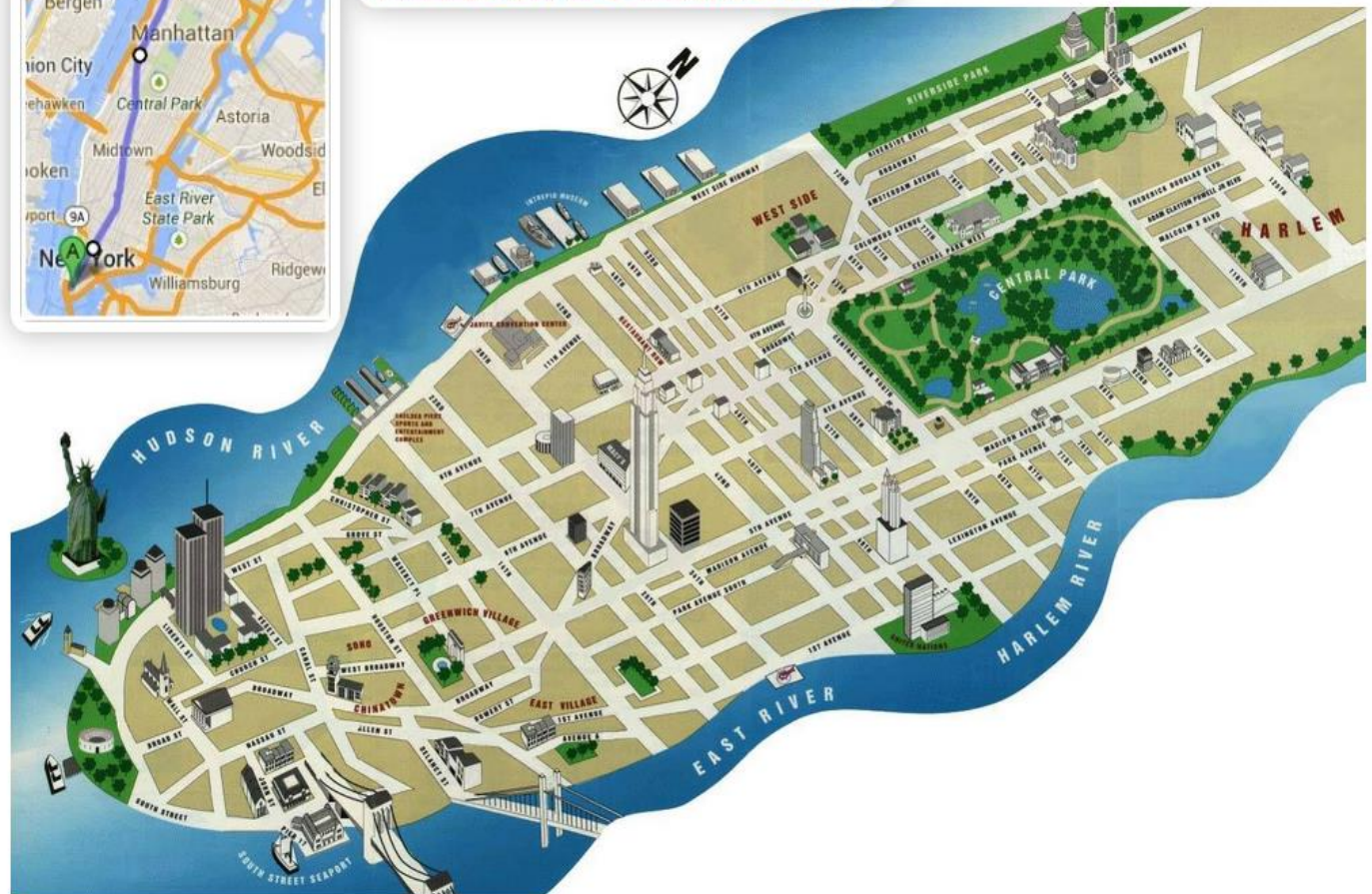
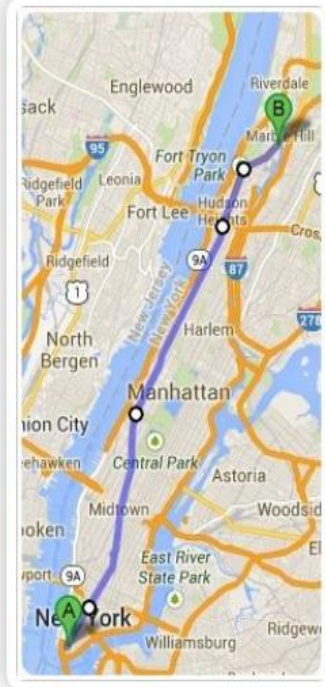
It is the longest one in Manhattan .

It's called **Broadway** .

Broadway was originally an Indian trail

It's a place of entertainment where you can find lots of theaters , cinemas, musicals.

The avenues go North-South and the streets go West-East





FACT 14

There are so many **skyscrapers** in New York !

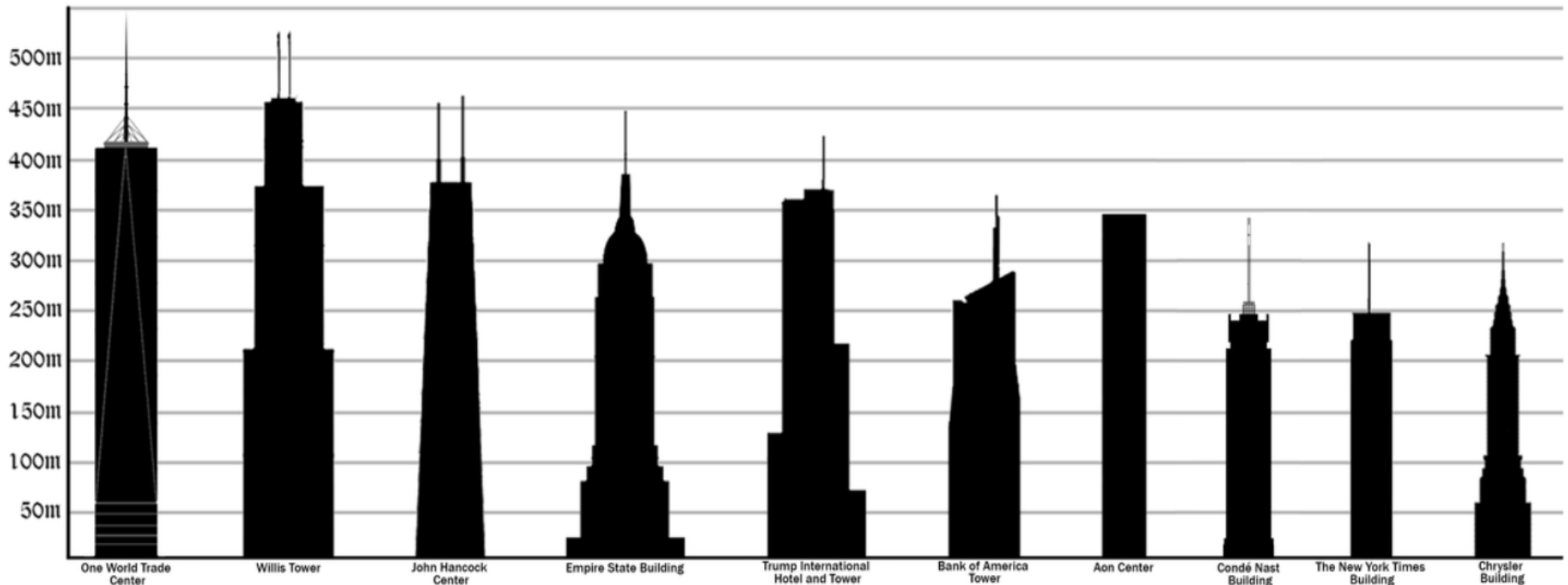
During **the first half of the 20th century** , many architects competed to build the best and tallest buildings ever the **"Skyscraper Race"** started .



As the population of New York City increased in the 20th century , tall buildings and then skyscrapers started to dominate the skyline .

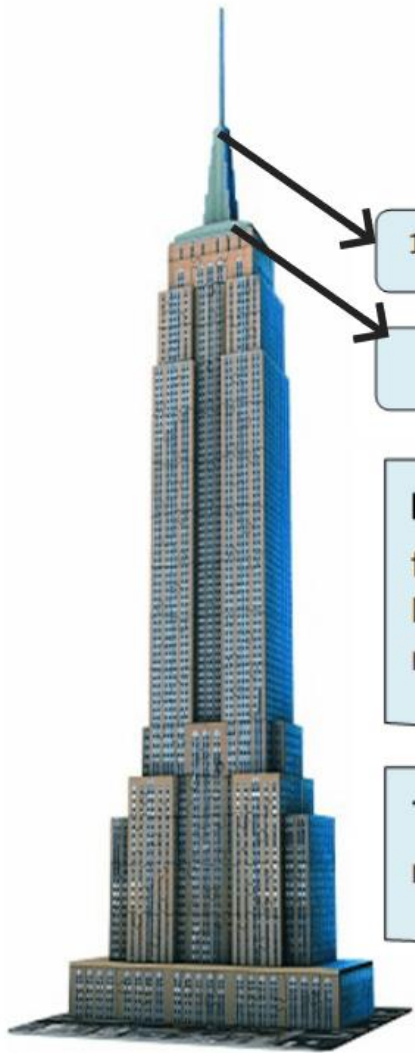
In turn , **the Empire State Building , The Chrysler Building and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center** were listed as **the tallest buildings in the world**.

Today , **the "Freedom Tower"** is **the tallest tower on the New York skyline at 541m**.



The Empire State Building

 **FACT 15**



THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING : Until 1973 , it was the tallest building in the world. With the radio mast , it is 443m high. There are 73 elevators and not one that goes to the top . You have to change twice to reach the 102nd floor.

102nd floor deck . On a clear day you can see up to 128km away.

There is an open terrace on the 86th floor.

RUN-UP RACE : An annual run-up race is held in February from the lobby to the 86th floor , 1.575 steps !! In 2014 there were 157 participants . The male winner was a Norwegian who went up in 10'06". The female winner was an Australian who won the race for the fifth time in 11'57".

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING : It has appeared more than 95 times in movies . The most famous are KINGKONG , AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER and SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE.

The **Empire State Building** is a 102 storey skyscraper located **on Fifth Avenue** .

It measures **381m** (443 with its antenna spine)

It was inaugurated in **1931**.

It was designed in an **Art Deco style**

It has long been the tallest skyscraper in the world



If you want to have **a panoramic view of New York** , go to the Empire State Building: 86th floor observation desk or the 102nd floor observation desk.



King Kong , a famous gorilla
climbed up to its top !!



FACT 16

Central Park is a huge park located in the middle of Manhattan skyscrapers . It was created in **1873**.

It is **the largest park** in New York City and it's known as "**The Lungs of the City**"

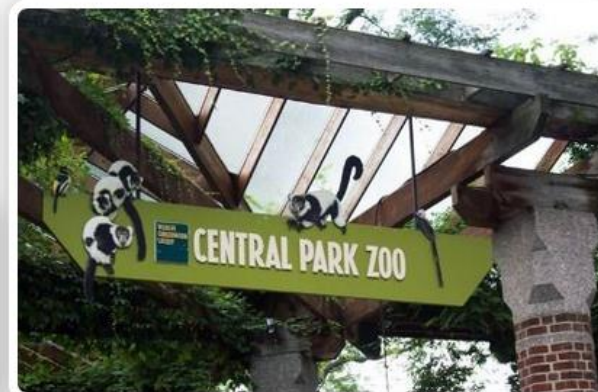


In **Central Park** , there are some artificial lakes and a golf ground . New Yorkers can ice-skate , experience pedicab tours or horse-drawn rides , roller-skate , cycle , bird-watch . They can also attend concerts , play sports or just go for a walk.

It's **the perfect place** for New Yorkers to relax.

The main attraction in Central Park is **the zoo**.

You can see parrots , polar bears , penguins , snow leopards or tortoises.



FACT 17

Liberty Island is a small inhabited island near Manhattan.

On the island there is one of the most important American monumant :

The Statue of Liberty.

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France .

It was offered to the USA in **1886** as a sign of friendship between the two countries.

The Statue of Liberty is also known as "**Lady Liberty**" but its full name is "**The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World**"

"Lady Liberty" is holding a torch in its right hand and a tablet in its left hand reading the date **July 4th 1776** which is the date of the signing of the **Declaration of Independence.**



The Statue of Liberty

THE STATUE : It is in copper and its internal iron support was designed by Gustave Eiffel.

THE TORCH : Miss Liberty's arm is 13 metres long and holds the torch of liberty which lights the world. It used to serve as a lighthouse.

THE CROWN : The seven points on the crown symbolize liberty on the seven continents.

THE WINDOWS : You can climb to the top of the statue to admire the view from its 25 windows which represent the Earth's 25 gemstones.

THE TABLET : It reads July 4th 1776 . That was the day the Americans declared their independence from England.

THE STATUE'S DRESS: It looks like the costume of an ancient Greek woman . Ancient Greece was the birthplace of democracy . So her dress symbolizes democracy.

THE STATUE'S FEET: You can see broken shackles (= chains) by Miss Liberty's feet . They symbolize the escape from tyranny and oppression.

THE PEDESTAL : It is in the shape of a star .

The STATUE OF LIBERTY is the most emblematic landmark of New York City. It was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States in 1886 to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of American Independence.

From the end of the 19th century to the 1930s , millions of immigrants coming from all over Europe arrived in New York by boat. The first thing they saw was the Statue of Liberty : the universally recognized symbol of freedom and democracy.

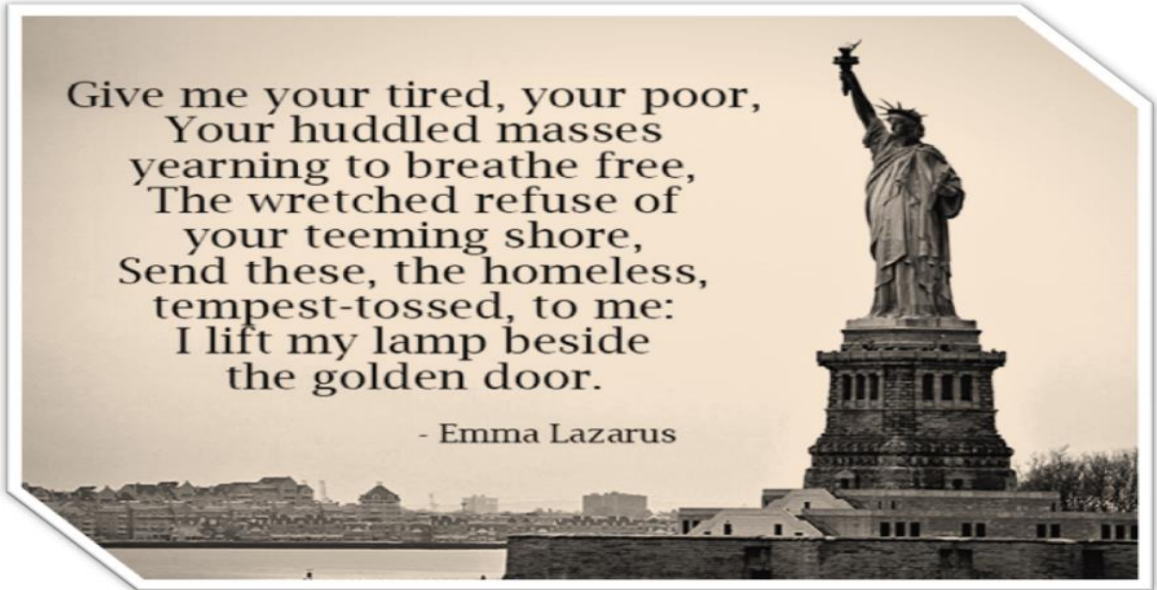




Emma Lazarus (1849–1887) was an American poet who was commissioned to write a poem to help raise funds for the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. She initially declined and then wrote a sonnet commemorating the plight of immigrants. Lines from that 1883 sonnet, "The New Colossus," were engraved on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty in 1903.

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of
your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift my lamp beside
the golden door.

- Emma Lazarus



FACT 18

The **MET** (Metropolitan Museum of Art)
is in Central Park .

It's a famous museum which was
inaugurated in 1870



This is the **MoMA** (Museum of Modern Art)

It is one of largest museums of modern art in the world.

It is located in Manhattan

It dates from 1929



Brooklyn Bridge was built over the East

River and it connects Brooklyn and
Manhattan . The view of Manhattan from the
bridge is so spectacular ! When it was opened
in 1883 , it was the world's biggest
suspension bridge.



Macy's is the largest store in the world . You can buy almost
everything you want there .

Each year , Macy's organizes a big parade to celebrate
Thanksgiving .



FACT 19

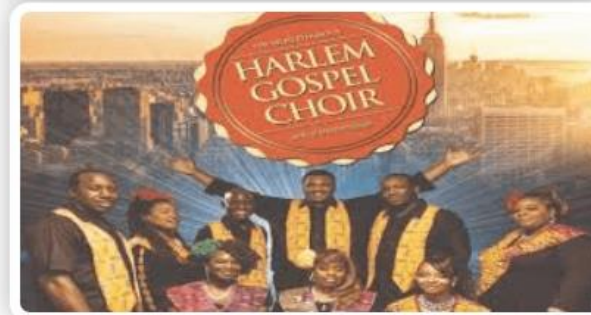
FIFTH AVENUE is the place where you can go shopping .

There are lots of luxury shops.



HARLEM is the center of Black American culture with famous jazz clubs and gospels choirs as well as Hispanic communities .

By the 70's it was a very poor and dangerous neighborhood but after years of renovation it has become a nice place to live in.



Ground 0 is the area where The Twin Towers used to stand before the terrorist attack of September 11th, 2001. It's a memorial honoring the victims

