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Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. How many people live in New York ? **over 8 million**
2. Which borough
 - a. is the only district that is located on the mainland ? **The Bronx**
 - b. is the home of major banks and stock exchanges ? **Manhattan**
 - c. has the most residents ? **Brooklyn**
 - d. is often referred to as the city's largest suburb ? **Queens**
 - e. was reached only by ferry for a long time ? **Staten Island**
3. What is a melting pot ? **people with different nationalities from all over the world come and live together**
4. Which place was the main point of entry for European immigrants ? **Ellis Island**
5. Where did immigrants after World War II mainly come from ? **Cuba, Asia , Hispanics**
6. Name a few famous museums in New York ? **Metropolitan Museum of Art (MOMA), Guggenheim Museum, Museum of Modern Art**
7. The largest theatre district in the world is located around **Broadway and Times Square**
8. What does the term "megacity" mean ? **large city with millions of people**
9. Foreign travelers come to New York mainly through **John F Kennedy** airport
10. New York was originally called **New Amsterdam**
11. Who is the Hudson River named after ? **the English navigator Henry Hudson**
12. During the American Revolution New York became the country's first **capital**
13. What happened to the city during the 1970s ? **an economic crisis, New York almost went bankrupt, could not pay the bills**
14. What happened in 1993 ? **a car bomb exploded in the basement of the World Trade Centre and killed 6 people**
15. Which important buildings did terrorist attack in 2001 ? **the World Trade Centre (Twin Towers)**
16. How did the Statue of Liberty find its way to America ? **a gift from France that was a symbol of friendship**
17. Where in New York can you find the most electronic billboards? **Times Square**
18. When was the Empire State building completed ? **1931**
19. What did Central Park look like in the 19 th century ? **farming area, swamps that had to be dried**
20. The Brooklyn Bridge connects Brooklyn and **Manhattan**

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Multiple Choice Task**Choose the correct answer for each question**

1. The first Europeans to set up a trading post on Manhattan Island were
 - a. Scandinavians.
 - b. the Dutch.**
 - c. the Germans.
 - d. the British.
2. The Hudson River was named after
 - a. the Dutch founder of New Amsterdam.
 - b. an English navigator.**
 - c. a British trading post.
 - d. the first mayor of New York.
3. Ellis Island was once
 - a. the entry point for all European immigrants.**
 - b. a famous prison.
 - c. York's most important harbour.
 - d. the island on which the Statue of Liberty was originally set up.
4. The Empire State Building was New York's tallest skyscraper
 - a. until the World Trade Centre was built.**
 - b. in the 19th century.
 - c. until a new skyscraper was built on Staten Island.
 - d. until the 9/11 attacks.
5. Times Square is in the middle of New York's
 - a. newspaper industry.
 - b. subway system.
 - c. financial district.
 - d. cinema and theatre district.**
6. Before the 9/11 attacks
 - a. the Empire State Building was attacked.
 - b. a car bomb had exploded in the basement of the World Trade Centre.**
 - c. there were plans to create Freedom Tower.
 - d. the World Trade Centre was renamed.
7. The Bronx is the only borough in New York
 - a. that lies in New Jersey.
 - b. that is not a part of New York State.
 - c. that is situated on the mainland.**
 - d. that is an island.
8. The Statue of Liberty
 - a. was built by Dutch settlers.
 - b. was a gift from France.**
 - c. was a present from the English king.
 - d. was built by the founding fathers.

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TRUE or FALSE. Decide if the statement is True or False and put a tick (✓) into the correct box. If the statement is false, write down a correct sentence in the box on the right. There are two examples at the beginning.

		T	F	Correct Statement
1	Broadway is the theatre district of New York.	✓		
2	The English were the first to set up a trading post in today's Manhattan.		✓	The Dutch were the first to settle in Manhattan.
3	New York's subway system is the largest in the world.	✓		
4	The first immigrants came from England, Germany and Scandinavia.	✓		
5	The Metropolitan Museum has a large collection of European and American paintings.	✓		
6	Before the Empire State Building was constructed, the World Trade Centre was the tallest skyscraper in New York.		✓	The Empire State Building was built in the 1930s, the World Trade Centre was completed in the 1970s.
7	Central Park was once a wet area with many trees.	✓		
8	People who came to New York by boat had to show their documents on Liberty Island		✓	Everyone coming from Europe arrived at Ellis Island, where their documents were checked.
9	The World Trade Centre was the target of terrorist attacks twice.	✓		
10	Britain gave America the Statue of Liberty as a symbol of friendship.		✓	The Statue of Liberty was given to the Americans by the French.
11	At the end of World War II, New York almost went bankrupt.		✓	New York went through the most serious economic crisis in the 1970s.
12	Brooklyn is the only borough on the mainland		✓	The Bronx is the only borough that is not an island.
13	New York was America's first capital, but only for a short time.	✓		
14	Staten island can only be reached by ferry.		✓	The borough is connected with Brooklyn through the Verrazano – Narrows Bridge

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Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

A	storey	K	another word for taxi
B	borough	L	line that separates two areas
C	ferry	E	circle made out of jewels that kings and queens wear on their heads
D	gift	O	small area that is in a larger area where people of a different nationality live
E	crown	A	level or floor of a building
F	entry point	I	part of a city that is far away from the centre
G	sculpture	N	situation of not having enough money to pay your bills
H	achievement	P	someone who travels to an unknown area to find out more about it
I	suburb	G	object that an artist makes out of stone, wood or other materials
J	concrete	C	boat that brings people and goods across a river or sea
K	cab	F	place where an immigrant arrives in a new country
L	border	M	a structure in a garden or a park from which water is pushed up into the air
M	fountain	D	present
N	bankrupt	J	building material that is made by mixing water, sand and cement together
O	enclave	Q	area of wet ground
P	explorer	H	something important that you have done
Q	swamp	B	district of New York

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Put the events into their correct order.

2	The Dutch set up a trading post called New Amsterdam.
7	The city went through a big economic crisis.
9	Terrorists flew two planes into the World Trade Centre.
4	New York became the capital of the United States.
3	The British took over the settlement.
10	Freedom Tower was built at the site of the 9/11 memorial.
6	The Empire State Building was built.
8	The first attack on the World Trade Centre killed 6 people.
1	Henry Hudson sailed up a river named after him.
5	The first wave of immigrants came to New York.

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Explain in English.

mainland **the main part of land, without the islands**

stock exchange **place where parts of a company are bought and sold**

Hispanic **person who comes from a country where Spanish or Portuguese is spoken, especially from Central or South America**

melting pot **place where people from different races, countries or social classes come to live together**

megacity **very big city with millions of people**

bankrupt **when you don't have enough money to pay for the things you have bought**

hijack **to take control of a ship or plane by using guns, knives etc...**

pedestal **base or platform on which something stands**

torch **an object that burns and gives light on one end**

1 IMMIGRANT

2 EASTWARD

3 FREEDOM

4 JOY

5 JOY

6 ELEGANT

7 GIFT

8 BROADWAY

9 MURALS

10 GIFT

11 MANHATTAN

12 CAB

13 HISPANIC

14 ULD

15 QUEENS

16 POVERTY

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Fill in the missing words from box. There are TWO words you will not need.

New York is a city that **(1) offers** many sights a tourist can see. The Statue of Liberty is probably the most famous of them. It is situated on a **(2) pedestal** on Liberty Island, which you can only reach by **(3) ferry**. Visitors can go up to the **(4) observation** deck in the crown but cannot move up to the torch itself. The Statue of Liberty was a **(5) present** that France gave to the United States over a hundred years ago.

Times Square is a place that is full of life. Millions of people see it on television every New Year's Eve when a big **(6) celebration** is held. It got its name because the New York Times was first **(7) published** there. Today you can see many **(8) electronic** billboards and signs and movie theatres surround the **(9) square**.

The Empire State Building is New York's most famous **(10) skyscraper**. It was built in the 1930s and was New York's biggest building for a long time. It has been a star in many films, like King Kong or Superman.

Central Park lies in the middle of Manhattan. It is about four kilometres long and serves as the green **(11) lung** of New York. The park has many lakes, playgrounds and **(12) fountains**. When it was created over 150 years ago it was in the middle of a **(13) wet** area.

Brooklyn Bridge **(14) connects** Manhattan with Brooklyn, New York's most **(15) populous** borough. It spans East River and is one of the best-known bridges in the city.

celebration

connects

electronic

ferry

fountains

immigrants

lung

observation

offers

pedestal

populous

present

published

skyscraper

square

theatre

wet