

Reading

Activity 1: Read the information on New York and answer the questions and the bottom of the page.

Activity 2: Read a text or part of a text of your choice and complete one of the activities below. Try to choose something different to what you have done before.

Choose one of these to complete about a text you have read

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| <p><u>COMIC STRIP</u> Choose the five most important events that happened in your book and turn them into a comic strip.</p> | <p><u>SUM UP</u> Summarise the book in 100 words or less. Remember to include key information</p> | <p><u>KEY PLAYERS</u> Rank the characters from most to least important and explain why.</p> |
| <p><u>MY FAVOURITE PART</u> Write about your favourite part of your book and explain why you like it using evidence from the text</p> | <p><u>NEW COVER</u> Design a new cover for the book. Include a picture, title, author and illustrator.</p> | <p><u>WRITE A LETTER</u> Write a letter to one of the characters in your reading book. Include at least one question you want to ask them</p> |
| <p><u>POINT OF VIEW</u> Retell part of the story from a different character's point of view.</p> | <p><u>QUIZ</u> Make up at least five questions about your reading book. Make sure you know the answers! Test your friend.</p> | <p><u>SEQUEL</u> Write 5 things that would happen if the book you've read has a sequel – Use evidence to support your ideas</p> |
| <p><u>MEETING</u> If you could meet one character from the text, who would it be and why? Make sure you give enough detail.</p> | <p><u>REVIEW IT</u> Create a book review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarise the plot • Explain why you like it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who would you recommend it to and why? | <p><u>VOCAB</u> Are there any words in the book you don't understand? Can you find them in a dictionary and write them in a different sentence?</p> |



New York



Mayor: Bill de Blasio (to Dec. 2017)

Population (2010): 8,175,133; Male: 3,882,544 (47.5%); Female: 4,292,589 (52.5%)

New York City is the largest city in the United States. It is located in the southern part of New York State, at the mouth of the Hudson River (also known as North River as it passes Manhattan Island).

In 1609, Henry Hudson sailed up the river that now bears his name and went as far as Albany. Five years later, a permanent settlement was established at what is now New York, but it was originally called New Amsterdam by the Dutch governors. One of them, Peter Minuit, was said to have bought Manhattan Island from the Indians in exchange for beads, buttons, and trinkets. In 1664, Great Britain's Duke of York sent a fleet that quietly seized the settlement from the Dutch without bloodshed and rechristened the colony in honour of the duke.

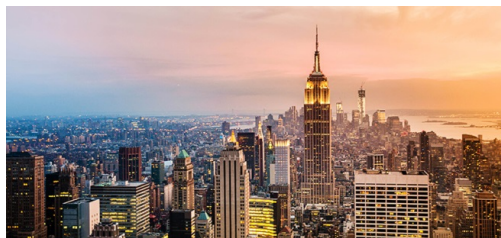
Control of New York passed to the young U.S. at the end of the Revolutionary War, and George Washington was inaugurated president in New York's old City Hall. Congress met in New York from 1785 to 1790.

In 1898, when Greater New York was chartered, the city expanded to include the following five boroughs, which are also counties in New York State: Manhattan (New York County); Brooklyn (Kings County); Bronx (Bronx County); Queens (Queens County); and Staten Island (Richmond County).

“The Big Apple” is a major world capital and a world leader in finance, the arts, and communications. The port of New York is one of the finest in the world and ranks as the largest port complex on the East Coast. The city is the home of the United Nations and is headquarters for some of the world's largest corporations. The city is also the centre of advertising, fashion, publishing, and radio broadcasting in the United States.

In Sept. 2001, terrorist hijackers crashed two commercial jets into the World Trade Centre in lower Manhattan, causing the complete destruction of the twin towers and major loss of life.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg easily won his second term in the November 2005 elections. Mr. Bloomberg was re-elected for his third term in 2009.



1. What is the Hudson River also known as?
2. What was Manhattan exchanged for?
3. What is the nickname for New York? Why do you think it is this?
4. Why would you like to visit New York? Explain your answer