

# NYC Past & Present



New York City is located in the East coast of United States. It is next to the Atlantic Ocean. It is the most populated American city with more than 8.5 million inhabitants.

Its nickname is “The Big Apple” in reference to the prestige of winning difficult horse races around New York in 1930. It is also the result of an advertisement campaign to attract tourists in 1971. Another nickname is “the city that never sleeps” as many shops are open at night.

THE BIG APPLE



Native Americans lived in this land before the first European settlers arrived in 1624 from the Netherlands. They built a small city called New Amsterdam.

However, the English conquered New Amsterdam in 1664 and renamed it New York, like the Duke of York who was the brother of the king. In that moment, New York was the capital of United States, but today the capital is Washington D.C.



Many immigrants from Germany, Ireland, Italy and other European countries traveled to New York from 1892 to 1954 in order to find a better job and a better life. The statue of Liberty welcomed them because it was the first element they saw when they arrived. It is a symbol of freedom.

As immigrants continued to arrive to New York, a new concept arose: “New York was a melting pot of cultures”. This is the reason why New York has a big ethnic diversity. It is one of the most multicultural cities in the world.



## Click True or False:

1 NYC is not a city of United States.	True	False
2 A lot of people live in NYC.	True	False
3 NYC is called “The Big Apple” because there are many apples there.	True	False
4 It is “the city that never sleeps” as products are available at any time.	True	False
5 When settlers from the Netherlands got to the land, Native Americans were there.	T	F
6 After some years, New York was called New Amsterdam.	True	False
7 New York is the capital of United States.	True	False
8 Immigrants travelled to New York to improve their living.	True	False
9 The Statue of Liberty represents immigrants.	True	False
10 The concept “melting pot” means cultural diversity.	True	False