

School Tours of America

Photo Quest



New York!

A photo quest is a scavenger hunt involving photography. Your job is to take photos on your trip of the items listed below and answer the question that accompanies it.

There are just a few things to keep in mind:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Be respectful of other visitors and the sanctity of your location.
- Get creative. Consider unique angles and aspects of your target.
- Enjoy the discovery process. Find something out of the ordinary about your target.

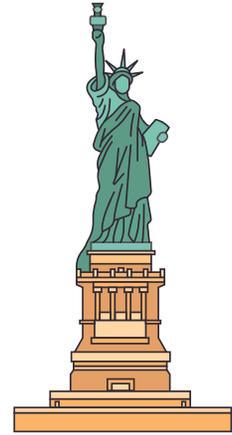


Photo List

- Your Tour Guide: What is his/her name? Where is he/she from?
- Broadway: What is your favorite musical? What show did you see on your visit?
- Radio City Music Hall: How old is the music hall? Who financed its building?
- Metropolitan Museum of Art: What is your favorite display in the museum? Why?
- Central Park: What was the best part of the park?
- A classmate: What is their favorite part of the trip?
- The Statue of Liberty: How tall is Lady Liberty?
- Ellis Island: Imagine coming to America a hundred years ago through Ellis Island. What would it have been like?
- Wall Street: What is Wall Street famous for?
- September 11 Museum & Memorial: What display most impacted you? Why?
- St Patrick's Cathedral: Describe the rose window on the cathedral's facade.
- Trinity Church: Who is buried in the church's historic graveyard?
- Shopping: What is your favorite store in New York?
- St John Divine: Describe the architecture of this famous cathedral.
- Empire State Building: How many stories tall is the building?
- Rockefeller Center: Find the statue of Prometheus. Describe it in detail.
- United Nations: Explain the importance of the UN to the world.
- Times Square: Describe your experience in Times Square! What stood out?
- You!: What is your favorite thing about New York City?



Teacher Guide



Critical Thinking & Reflection: Photo Reflection Journals

Have students pick 1–3 of their photos and write about what they show, why they chose them, and what they learned.

Include questions like:

What was happening in this moment? What does this picture tell others about the place we visited? How did this moment make you feel?

Language Arts / Writing: Photo Story or Caption Writing

Students create a fictional or nonfictional story based on a photo they took or write engaging captions to turn their photos into a visual blog or class newsletter.

Social Studies / Science: Photo Research Project

Each student selects a photo showing something historical, cultural, or natural. They research and present a short explanation or mini-poster with: What it is, Why it's important, One interesting fact they learned, etc.

Art: Photo-Inspired Art or Collage

Use their photos as inspiration for drawings, watercolor paintings, or mixed-media collages. Combine multiple student photos into a large class mural.

Technology / Digital Literacy: Photo Slideshow or Digital Museum

Students use Google Slides, PowerPoint, or Canva to create a presentation about their experience. Add voiceovers or videos for a multimedia project.

Class Book Creation: "Our Trip Through Our Eyes" Book

Each student contributes one photo and one paragraph to a printed or digital class book. Include a table of contents and student-created cover art.

Presentation & Speaking Skills: Photo Show-and-Tell

Students pick a favorite photo and share why they took it and what it means to them. Practice using descriptive language and clear speaking.



Photo List Answer Key

- Radio City Music Hall: How old is the music hall? Who financed its building? **Radio City Music Hall is approximately 93 years old, having opened on December 27, 1932. It was financed primarily by John D. Rockefeller Jr. and, in partnership with him, the Radio Corporation of America (RCA).**
- The Statue of Liberty: How tall is Lady Liberty? **The Statue of Liberty is 151 feet tall and stands on a pedestal that is 154 feet tall, making the height of the entire sculpture 305 feet.**
- Wall Street: What is Wall Street famous for? **Wall Street is primarily famous as the center of the financial world.**
- Trinity Church: **Who is buried in the church's historic graveyard?** Trinity Church's historic graveyard is the final resting place of Alexander Hamilton, Eliza Hamilton, and Horatio Gates. Other notable individuals buried there include Robert Fulton, William Alexander, and Hercules Mulligan. The Churchyard also holds memorials to Angelica Schuyler Church and Philip Hamilton.
- St John Divine: Describe the architecture of this famous cathedral. **The cathedral features a blend of architectural styles, including Gothic, Byzantine, and Romanesque, with a strong emphasis on Gothic Revival, particularly in the Nave.**
- Empire State Building: How many stories tall is the building? **This iconic building stands at 102 stories and 1,454 feet at its pinnacle.**
- United Nations: Explain the importance of the UN to the world. **The UN is crucial for maintaining global peace, security, and cooperation, offering a platform for international dialogue and addressing global challenges that transcend national boundaries. It serves as a forum for nations to come together, address shared problems, and find solutions that benefit all of humanity.**

