

# Pädagogische Hochschule Vorarlberg

Bachelorstudium: Lehramt für HauptschullehrerInnen<sup>1</sup>

A LESSON PLAN: D	Date:	Trainee	:	Term:	
Teacher Training School:	Class:	Group:	The New You&Me 4	Unit 7	
Previous lesson	Revision of	Unit 6			
Topic(s) of the lesson	New York -	– The Bi	g Apple		
Following lesson	The Mole P	eople			

#### **Objectives:**

By the end of the lesson the pupils Can write a letter reporting from their stay in New York

#### Language Learning aims:

The pupils are asked to

- say what they associate with New York
- find out which facts they already know about NY
- check their knowledge by listening to information from a CD
- match sight names with pictures
- choose 2 sights and find information about them in the book
- fill in words in a text about Central Park
- write a letter from their stay in New York

#### Social aims:

I expect the pupils to work on their own

# Presupposed background knowledge and language competence

They already have got some knowledge on New York (TV series, etc.) They can write about past events.

Phases of Lesson/Learning points	Learning tasks, procedure,	Class- management media

#### In brief: Suggested lesson procedures

<sup>1</sup> This page is filled in by the trainer

## **Related information and research (including reference data)**

**New York City** is the most populous city in the United States and one of the major global cities of the world. The city's business, financial and trading organizations play a major role in the economy of the nation and of the world and contribute to the largest regional economy in the country. The city is also one of the world's most important cultural centers and is the home of the United Nations.

New York City has a population of 8.1 million within a land area of 321 square miles (830 km<sup>2</sup>), making it the most densely populated city in North America. With a population of 18.7 million, the New York metropolitan area is also one of the largest urban areas in the world.

As Amsterdam was in the 18th century and London in the 19th century, New York City has been the center of the world's financial system since World War II and home to the world's most influential stock markets and financial institutions. It is also the birthplace of many American cultural movements, including the Harlem Renaissance in literature, abstract expressionism in visual art, and hip hop in music. The city's cultural vitality has been fueled by immigration since its founding by Dutch settlers in 1625. In 2005, 36.6% of the city's population was foreign born. New York City is also notable for having the lowest crime rate among major American cities.

Geography

New York City is located on the coast of the Northeastern United States at the mouth of the Hudson River in southeastern New York state. The city's geography is characterized by its coastal position at the meeting of the Hudson River and the Atlantic Ocean in a naturally sheltered harbor. This position helped the city grow in significance as a trading city. Much of New York is built on the three islands of Manhattan, Staten Island, and western Long Island, making land scarce and driving the city's high population density. Environmental issues are chiefly concerned with managing this density, which is also a factor in making New York among the most energy efficient and least automobile-dependent cities in the United States.

The Hudson River flows from the Hudson Valley into New York Bay, becoming a tidal estuary that separates the city from New Jersey. The East River, actually a tidal strait, flows from Long Island Sound and separates the Bronx and Manhattan from Long Island. The Harlem River, another tidal strait between the East and Hudson Rivers, separates Manhattan from the Bronx.



#### Boroughs

The five boroughs: 1: Manhattan, 2: Brooklyn, 3: Queens, 4: Bronx, 5: Staten Island

New York City is comprised of five <u>boroughs</u>, an unusual form of government used to administer the five constituent counties that make up the city. Throughout the boroughs there are hundreds of distinct <u>neighborhoods</u>, many with a definable history and character all their own. If the boroughs were each independent cities, four of the boroughs (Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, and the Bronx) would be among the ten most populous cities in the United States.

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**The Bronx** (pop. 1,357,589) is New York City's northernmost borough. It is the birthplace of rap and hip hop culture, the site of Yankee Stadium and of the largest cooperatively owned housing complex in the United States, Co-op City. Except for a small section of Manhattan known as Marble Hill, the Bronx is the only borough of the city that is part of the United States mainland.

**Brooklyn** (pop. 2,486,235) m is the city's most populous borough and was an independent city until 1898. Brooklyn is known for its cultural diversity, cutting-edge art scene, and neighborhoods full of preserved Nineteenth Century architecture. The borough also features a long beachfront and Coney Island, famous as one of the earliest amusement grounds in the country. **Manhattan** (pop. 1,593,200) is the most densely populated borough, home to most of the city's skyscrapers. Manhattan contains the major business centers of the city and many cultural attractions. Manhattan is loosely divided into downtown, midtown, and uptown regions.

**Staten Island** (pop. 464,573) is the most suburban in character of the five boroughs. It is connected to Brooklyn by the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge and Manhattan by the free Staten Island Ferry. Until 2001 the borough was home to the Fresh Kills Landfill, formerly the largest landfill in the world, which is now being reconstructed as one of the largest urban parks in the United States.

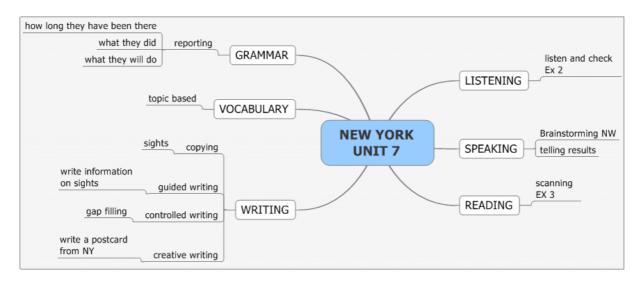
**Queens** (pop. 2,241,600) is geographically the largest borough and the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. Historically a collection of small towns and villages founded by the Dutch, the borough today is mainly residential. It is home to two of the region's three major airports. Flushing Meadows-Corona Park was the site of the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs, is the site of Shea Stadium, the home of the New York Mets, and annually hosts the US Tennis Open.

taken from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New York City

*Checklist for Media :* (*Personal/technical media i.e. ICT, video, transparencies etc*)

The New You&Me 4; p 66 – 68 Workbook p 55 Handout (sights, writing a letter)

# Integrated skills training



## **Relevance to the National Curriculum**

Das Schreiben hat im Anfangsunterricht vorwiegend lernmethodische Funktion. Im Zuge des Lernfortschritts ist es zu einer eigenständigen Fertigkeit zu entwickeln, wobei die kommunikative Leistung vorrangig ist. Sprach- und Schreibrichtigkeit sind ebenfalls anzustreben. Zielsetzung dabei ist:

- Umgestaltung von erarbeiteten Texten;
- Verfassen von Beschreibungen und einfachsten kreativen Texten ;
- Schreiben von einfachen Briefen und Mitteilungen.

Die Vorkenntnisse sind zu festigen und zu erweitern und zunehmend selbstständig anzuwenden. Da der Zweck des Schreibens im Vordergrund steht, ist die kommunikative Leistung gegenüber der Schreibrichtigkeit vorrangig

a. Aims, Skills b. Teaching / Learning Stages c. Time allocated	<b>Teacher's Activities</b> (Setting tasks, methodological/didactical approaches/techniques)	<b>Pupils' Activities</b> (Performing tasks, skill orientated language practice)	<b>Teaching models</b> Class Management Seating	Teaching <i>Material</i>
<ul><li>a. Motivation</li><li>b. Lead-in</li><li>c. 5'</li></ul>	writes New York on bb and asks "What comes to your mind when you think about New York"	use phrases on p 66 / 1	All class	TB p 66/1
<ul><li>a. Facts on NY</li><li>b. Set-up stage</li><li>c. 10'</li></ul>	Read the statements and mark them true or false. Listen to the CD and check your answer	read the statements Tick true or false Listen to CD and check results	individually	TB p 67 / 2
<ul><li>a. Facts on NY</li><li>b. Copying</li><li>c. 4'</li></ul>	Hands out Handout Look at these sights and match the names with the pictures	copy the names of sights below the appropriate picture	individually	Handout 1
<ul> <li>a. Facts on NY</li> <li>b. scanning Guided writing</li> <li>c. 15'</li> </ul>	Choose two of these sights Read the text from "a guide book to New York" and write the information on the sights you have chosen	read the text and write the information they can find	individually	TB p 67/ 3
<ul><li>a. Facts on NY</li><li>b. Controlled writing</li><li>c. 5'</li></ul>	Read the text about in-line skating in Central Park. Fill in the gaps with the words from the box.	read the text and fill in the missing words from the box	individually	WB p 55/6
<ul><li>a. Writing a letter; creative writing</li><li>b. Post activity</li><li>c. 16'</li></ul>	Imagine you are in New York. This is the view from your hotel room. Write a short letter to a friend about your stay in New York. Use the description of the view as a starting point. Mention some sights you've seen and some things you've done	write a letter	individually	Handout

# **Observation** task(s):

Teacher's activities?

Pupils' activities?

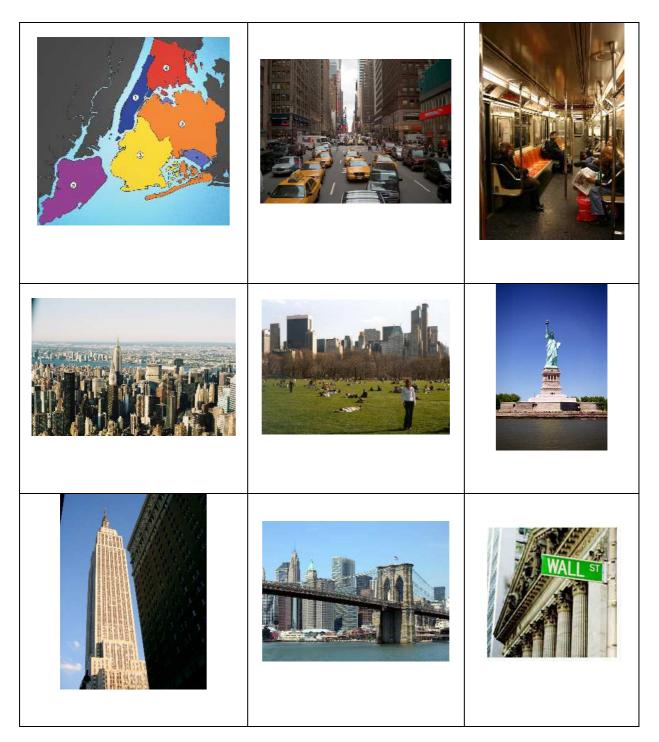
Tasks?

Skill training items?

# Feedback:

# Handout 1

Manhattan, 5th Avenue, Empire State Building, Brooklyn Bridge, Wall Street, The 5 boroughs of New York: Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island, Subway, Central Park







WB p 55/6 Read the text about in-line skating in Central					
Park. Fill in the gaps with the words from the box.					
profesionals-the-November-in-under-but-					
wearing – accidents – about – helmets – pretty – also –					
$72^{nd}$ – with – Central – are – with – afternoons – can – is –					
please - that					
There are some very good places in Park					
to go in-line skating. Therea long track					
which comes tosix miles, and the roads					
there pretty good. They were last					
repaired 1994, and you can skate					
fast there. If you can do it in					
half an hour, you're really good.					
need about 16 minutes for it.					
remember: do not skate clockwise.					
Manyhappen because people do not					
rememberand crash into each other.					
Please remember that you share the					
park bikers, joggers and pedestrians. At					
theStreet exit from Central Park					
beginnersget advice <sup>3</sup> on how to stop					
their skates. Just look for guys					
red shirts with white crosses on					
back, black shorts and, of course,					
They are usually there on weekend					
from mid-April to the beginning of					
Have fun skating in Central Park,					
take care as well.					

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What do you know about New York? Read the statements and mark them true or false. Then listen to the CD and check your answers.

- 1 New York City has more inhabitants than Austria.
- 2 New York City is the capital of the USA.
- 3 One of the fifty states is also called New York.
- 4 The UN headquarters are in New York City.
- 5 Manhattan is one of the five districts of New York.
- 6 The Statue of Liberty is in Manbattan.
- 7 The Statue of Liberty is so large that 12 people can stand inside the torch the woman is holding.
- 8 The statue was given to the US by the people of Great Britain.
- 9 New York is called the Big Apple because a long time ago farmers grew lots of apples in Manhattan.
- 10 America's highest skyscraper is in New York.
- 11 New York is the largest city in the USA.
- 12 The first Europeans who came to Manhattan were from Holland.
- 13 Geographically speaking, New York is as far south as Rome.
- 14 The most famous bridge in New York is the Golden Gate Bridge.

Read the text from a tourists' guide book to New York. Then answer the questions below it.

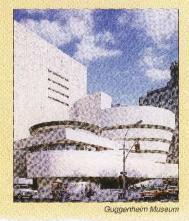
# New York - the Big Apple

New York, or the Big Apple, as many people call it, is one of the most exciting ciries in the world! It is America's cultural capital and there are hundreds of things to do and see all year found.

New York is America's higgest city, with a population of more than eight million. In the summer it is bot, hor, but and in the winter it can be very cold. There are five districts or "horoughs" in New York: Brooklyn, the Brong, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. Only one of them, the Bronx, is not on an island.

Manhattan, which is an island, is the real center of the city. When people say "New York City" they usually mean Manhattan. Most of the interesting shops are here, such as the famous ones on Fifth Avenue. Most, of the well-known buildings and museums are here. and Manhattan is also the center of New York's busy nightlife.

The first Europeans came to Manhattan from Holland in 1605. They bought the whole island from the American Indians for a few glass necklaces.





#### Central Park





New York subway

How many people live in New York? What's the climate like in New York? What are the five districts of New York? What are the most important facts about Manhattan? What do New Yorkers enjoy about Central Park? SEX What are the most important facts about the Statue of Liberty?

Only one and half million people live in Manhattan, but more than five million work there every day. Many live in the suburbs and go to work on the subway. Wall Street in Manhattan is the financial heart of the USA and the most important banking center in the world. It is a street of skyserapers, which Americansinvented, and built faster and higher than everyone else. The most speciacular skystrapers in New York were the two towers of the New York World Trade Center, On September 11, 2001 they were destroyed by a terrorist attack. Thousands of neople died. Traffic can be terrible in New York. There can be awful traffic jams, and it's usually quickest to go by subway. The subway is quite cheap and it goes to almost every part of Manhattan.

Central Park is a beautiful green oasis in the middle of Manhatian. New Yorkers love Central Park and they use it in the winter and the summer. They go iceskating, roller-skating and in-line skating. They play ball, ride their bikes, have picnics and go boating. Families come here to enjoy the sun and fresh air. Musicians make music and office workers bring their lunches here in fine weather.

Along the east side of Central Park runs Fifth Avenue. In the nineteenth century, the richest families built their wonderful homes there. With its famous department stores it is still the most fashionable street in the city,

For disco lovers. New York has everything. New discos open every week, and old ones close down. If you want to know where to go and what to do, look in one of the weekly magazines for information. One of the most famous statues in the world stands on an island in New York Harbor. This is, of course, the Statue of Liberty, which is about a hundred meters tall, It is a woman holding up a torch. Visitors can go inside the statue. It is so large that as many as twelve people can get inside the torch. The Statue of Liberty was put up in 1886. In 1776. France helped the American colonies to become independent from England. So they gave the people of the United States the Statue of Liberty as a present for their 100th birthday.

In the years after the statue was put up, many immigrants came to the United States through New York. As they entered New York Harbor, they saw the Statue of Liberty holding up her torch. For the immigrants, this was an important symbol. They knew that the statue was welcoming them to a land of freedom.