

A NEW YORK ADVENTURE

AMAZING RACE | MANHATTAN

You are about to start a scavenger hunt which will take you through some *districts of lower Manhattan*. You'll be working in *pairs* or *small groups* following clues and directions that will help you discover many of the unique aspects of New York! The idea is to really *experience the character of a neighbourhood* and as artists to *document that experience*. Along the way you will get some suggestions as to various types of photographs you may want to try taking but of course you have the option to take photographs any way you want. Each area that you visit will also give you the *opportunity to shop and sample food!*

It is very important that you *read the instructions for travelling from location to location carefully*, especially those for subway travel, *before* you head out! *Always be aware of traffic* as you follow instructions for the hunt. It makes sense to have one person reading the instructions while others help navigate and watch for traffic. Metro stations are not always obvious until you know to look for the *green "M" indicating an entrance for the subway!* It is crucial to know the difference between travelling *uptown*, (north) and *downtown*, (south). Make sure you enter the station for the right direction!

Each member of the group should already have a *MetroCard* that can be used on buses and subways all day long. The MetroCard can be purchased from vending machines at many of the subway stations in New York. Touch the *Start* button on the screen and choose *new card*. Select *unlimited ride* and select the *one day fun pass*. Insert your money, (a \$10 bill for example), collect your card and your change -now you are ready to go!



Here are a few reminders about *subway etiquette*.

When you are ready to enter the subway *swipe your card with the black stripe facing in towards you* and you will get a *green go signal* allow-through the turnstile. Wait anywhere along the platform, (behind the yellow

ing you to push low line in front of the tracks).

When the train arrives *wait for people to exit first* before you enter. When you do enter the train pass through the door and move to a location which *does not block the doorway!* At busy times it *may be necessary to split up and enter at different doorways or even cars*. Before the train arrives *make sure everyone knows which station the group is heading to!*

Each group should also have somebody with a *watch, map* and a *cellphone!*

Stay together and work as a team to get the most out of each section of the route! *Follow the instructions carefully* and *refer to the maps often* to make sure you are on track. If you have any problems call your teacher, (but don't call for hints or answers to questions).

The race follows a set *route*. When you complete the route it will bring you to a *meeting place* where your teacher will be waiting to collect your sheet. The race allows you time to see and do things that are interesting, but *try to stay within the allotted time* for each section because there is much more to see and do in other parts of the hunt!

Along the way you will be asked to *discover the answer to a question or two* or to *record information* of some sort. You may need to look carefully or decipher clues to be able to get the correct answer!

Is there a prize? *Yes!* The team that is able to correctly answer the most questions, (and in the case of a tie with the best time), will receive a prize for each member of the team.

So... **good luck and have fun!**