

NEW YORK CITY: LESSONS LEARNED

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When I first made plans to go to New York City, I was very excited about the prospect of visiting the Big Apple. However, as the time for the trip drew closer, I grew more and more apprehensive about going. I was worried about flying, being mugged, and my general safety. But, as it turned out, I was fine and I survived the trip. I even learned a few things while I was there. Among those lessons are:

1. All New Yorkers are not rude.
2. All New Yorkers do not look weird.
3. There are not homeless people out on every corner.
4. There are not chalk outlines of bodies on every sidewalk.
5. Just because you are in New York does not mean you will be mugged.
6. New York truly is a city that never sleeps. "It" is just as awake at 12a.m. as it is at 12p.m.
7. Taxi cabs are not as easy to hail as it looks on TV. The drivers would just as soon run you over as stop for you.
8. Riding the Subway is not the same as selling your life away for \$1.50. It really is safer than it's reputation.
9. The Broadway shows take a lot of people and work to pull off-and they are worth the ticket price.
10. Finally, the food and availability thereof is simply amazing in New York. If you are craving anything, you can almost bet it can be found in New York City, at ANY time of day.

I learned and experienced so much while in New York and I hope to go back next year. I made new friends, saw some great sites and missed even more. I am glad I decided to go on, rather than chickening out, as I almost did. I feel blessed to have been able to make the trip, and I am so glad I did.

WCC Drama Department's trip to
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