

INFORMATION ON PEOPLE AND PLACES

PRESIDENTS

- George Washington 1732-1799, 1st president from 1788 to 1797. Washington Square, in Greenwich Village, is named after him, as well as the George Washington Bridge, which connects the north of Manhattan to New Jersey, but which is not visible on the map.
- James Madison 1751-1836, 4th president, a “Founding Father”, one of the main authors of the Constitution. Madison Avenue is named after him, as is Madison Square Garden, a famous sports, concert and entertainment arena in Midtown Manhattan (mentioned in the CD-Rom).
- Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865, 16th president, famous for emancipating slaves in 1863. Assassinated in a Washington theatre by a fanatic from the South. The Lincoln Arts Center is named after him.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt 1882-1945, 32nd president, often referred to as FDR. The only US president to have served 4 terms (1933-1945), famous for his New Deal to lift America out of the Depression, and for leading the US through World War II. Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive is named after him.
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy 1917-1963, 35th president, assassinated in Dallas, Texas, famous for fathering the Civil Rights Act which was passed Information on the people and the places
The biggest airport in New York City is named JFK after him.

EXPLORERS

- Henry Hudson 1570?-1611, & Giovanni Verrazzano 1485-1528. The Hudson River and the Verrazzano Bridge were named after them.

BUSINESSMEN

- Andrew Carnegie 1835-1919, steel magnate. The famous concert hall, Carnegie Hall, is named after him.
- Solomon Guggenheim 1861-1949, mining magnate. The Guggenheim Museum of Modern Art is named after him.
- John D. Rockefeller 1839-1937, oil magnate and philanthropist. The Rockefeller Center was named after him.
- Walter Percy Chrysler 1875-1940, founder of the Chrysler Corporation. The Chrysler Building is named after him.
- Rowland Hussey Macy 1822-1877, founded Macy’s Store on 6th Avenue in 1858.

OTHER NAMES

- Samuel Ellis, a rich New Yorker who originally owned Ellis Island and turned it into a picnic spot. In 1778, he sold it to the Federal Government who used it for defense purposes, before it became an immigration station in 1892.
- St Patrick circa 385-461. New York’s Catholic Cathedral on 5th Avenue is named after him. **COUNTRIES**
- Little Italy, Chinatown. **CITIES** Many place names have their origins in European place names: Harlem (in Holland), Soho & Greenwich (in London), York (in the north of England).