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## HOLIDAY EDITION

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# The Maldives



Maldives, I chose this topic because I am Thai. My country has only one season and it's always hot, but I always enjoy hot weather by going to the beach. Nowadays Maldives island is very famous for Thai people and I am the one who likes to go to the beach, so I dream of visiting Maldives some day when I have a chance.

Why do some people prefer to live in the island instead of city?

- a. They don't like traffic
- b. nature life
- c. low cost of living

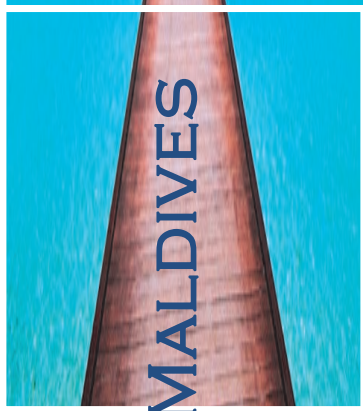
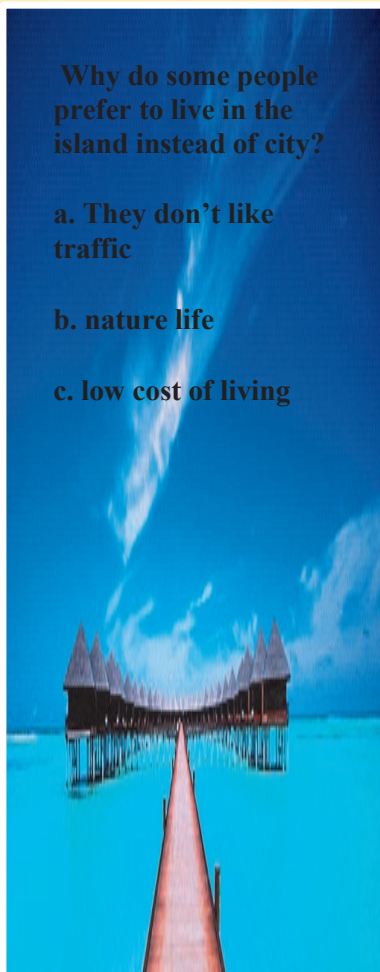


## *My translation*

Nowadays people want to spend time with family in nature. The popular place that they prefer to go is the beach, and among the top 10 famous beaches is Maldives. Maldives is located in the Indian Ocean near Srilanka. Maldives island was

built by the alluvion of coral. The Maldives consists of 1,192 coral islands group. The Maldives is the smallest Asian country in both population and land area. They have a lot of transportation in Maldives such as speed boat, and sea plane. They have many activities to do when you are there. For

example, snorkel diving, scuba diving, relaxing in sailboat and seeing dolphins at the same time. The important thing that women should not do when they visit the city of Male' in Maldives is wearing tank-tops or shorts because of the religion of the natives.





*I think the subway is the best way for transportation, but it has some problems. I hope the*

## Comparing Commutes

By Sangmun



I live in Jersey City right now so every time I go to school, I always take the Path and then transfer to the subway. Because my classes begin early, I always hurry to take them. However at that time so many people are also going to school, working, and doing something. In order to take the train quickly, most of them push me up or out. There is no excuse for this. In the morning my feeling is usually kind of terrible and sometimes I am not on time to class. I can understand them a little. Because Manhattan is a big city, but there are two things I cannot understand that much. The first thing is that the subway is usually not on time sometimes and because of track problems the subway stops on the way often. Also while it is raining and snowing, water is leaking onto platform or seat moreover some foolish peoples lay down on the seats and throw garbage on the rails or platform. That sort of sucks. I think that the MTA never gives convenient transportation as it should.

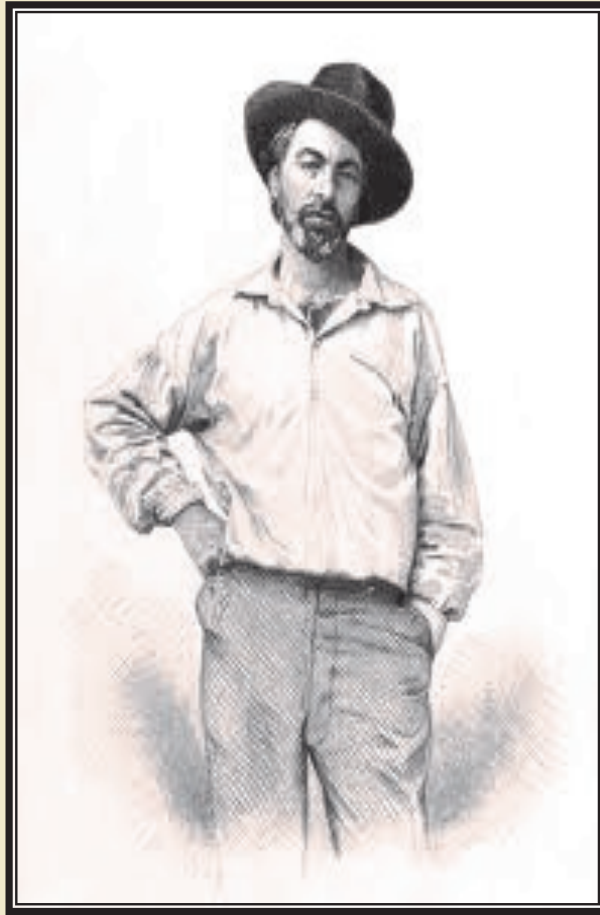
In my opinion, for example, in Korea also every weekday lots of people crowd on every platform. However there is a yellow line to line up in regular sequence so taking the subway is so much better than in New York city. Although there are a lot of people on the platform, we can take the train easily. Above all cleaning is very important to use subway due to the fact that subway is public transportation which everybody has to use. In case of Korea, Government provides cleaning system, so every station has several cleaners who can clean each scheduled time. It makes our feeling much better.

In New York City, it smells like horrible and the platform is also damaged, the wall leaks, and the speaker do not work well. I would like to complain to the MTA about developing the subway system. I do not know why every year the fare increases, however the facilities have never developed for three years.

Here are two of my suggestions to develop the MTA service a little more. First of all, one thing is to make the yellow line on every platform of stations like in Korea. If so taking the subway is definitely going to be easier than before. Making yellow line is obviously not difficult. The MTA is the only organization which can make and decide it. The second thing I thought is that if cleaning is hard in every station, we have to clean on our own so the MTA could put cameras in each station to monitor and then if somebody throws some garbage on the ground or scribbles on the facilities, they can impose a fine at once.

# Walt Whitman

By Akemi



When I heard the learn'd astronomer;  
When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me;  
When I was shown the charts and the diagrams, to add, divide, and measure them;  
When I, sitting, heard the astronomer, where he lectured with much applause in the lecture-room,  
How soon, unaccountable, I became tired and sick;  
Till rising and gliding out, I wander'd off by myself,  
Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.



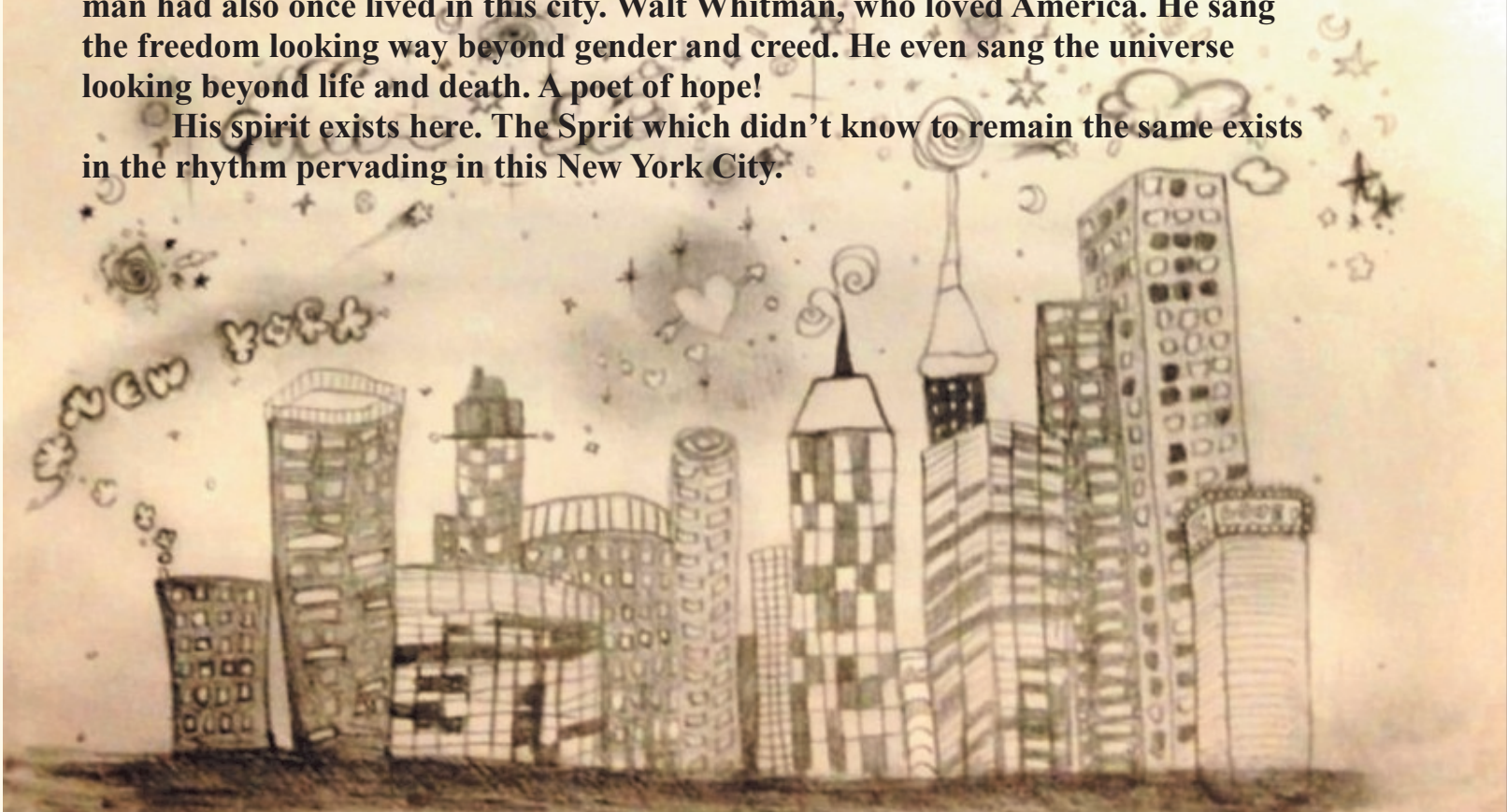
Staring at the statue of Walt Whitman in my college three years ago, I never expected I would study where he grew up. This was 3 years ago. One of my English teachers gave me this poem. Teaching English in Tokyo, he was also seeking his dream to become a comedian. Knowing that I was leaving for NY conjured up in him a host of his memories in NY.

New York City is definitely a place filled with spirits of both those who had once sought their dreams as well as the vibes of present people. At the center of a bustling street, you have to catch the rhythm and not miss the flow of the city. It's not because people in this NYC are always in a hurry or they walk really fast, but there is undeniable atmosphere that doesn't allow us to stop.

Meanwhile, this city has a lot of attractions that never make you bored. This city doesn't give a @#!% that you have insomnia because of the relentless sound of siren and a car which is playing Hip Hop music at maximum volume. At clothing stores like H&M or Forever 21, shoes and clothes are dropped on the dusty floor. Accessories are tangled like crazy. Shoppers and sales clerks are walking around like it's not a big deal. Lexington Avenue 59th street station smells like a hamster all the time. At 14th St, a homeless guy screams at you out of nowhere, and you can get mini heart attack. I was like a shivering rabbit when I first came to New York City.

Even so, like I said, the only difference that doesn't allow New York City to be a mere place to study English for foreign students is its vibes of people who seek their dreams earnestly. Seeing people achieving their goals and dreams makes you discouraged and motivated at the same time. Being squashed in the morning subway, seeing rats eating garbage on the streets, wandering homeless people and colorful neon lights on the 42nd street overwhelms me. Then it reminds me that Whitman had also once lived in this city. Walt Whitman, who loved America. He sang the freedom looking way beyond gender and creed. He even sang the universe looking beyond life and death. A poet of hope!

His spirit exists here. The Spirit which didn't know to remain the same exists in the rhythm pervading in this New York City.



## A REVOLUTIONARY WOMAN: COCO CHANEL

by Martina Marrosu

Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel was born in France in 1883. Although she is the fashion icon of all times her childhood was very hard and full of painful events. After she lost her mother during her first years of her life, her father couldn't take care of his kids and decided to send the young Gabrielle to live in an orphanage where she was raised by nuns.

The nuns who worked in the institution taught her how to sew as one of the activities that were supposed to be part of a girl's education. For Chanel that was the only thing that she actually enjoyed and awakened a passion for designing.

Years later when she was already on her own and out of the orphanage, Gabrielle had a boyfriend who was a wealthy man. To make her happy he financed her first shop in Paris on Rue Cambon. Coco was 20, young enough to pursue a dream but also to dump a man whom she had used for an even wealthier one who was of course willing to help her.

The first creations she sold were hats, modern and eccentric hats that became very popular in elite circles.

Chanel's first dress was created out of old jersey fabric. She was cold and she made it out of necessity, needing something comfortable and convenient on a chilly day. Women of that time never really saw any dress that didn't include a corset, which is why when Gabrielle was seen wearing her design on instead of telling where the dress comes from she started to make similar pieces upon request.

Chanel became a celebrity because she entirely changed women's fashion by rewriting a new concept of elegance, which had been determined only by men.

She was visionary but also irreverent and revolutionary.

Not only did Coco succeed in entering in the fashion business but when she passed away she was basically running that business.

Today her brand still exists and Coco is still alive as an icon.

In the 1920s she launched her first perfume which became legendary, "Chanel n.5", a fragrance whose formula has never been fully disclosed. By 1925, Gabrielle was a celebrity and other women identified themselves with her revolutionary way of seeing fashion, borrowing some of classic men's garments / designs to rewrite a new feminine concept of elegance.

Her most iconic piece, a collarless suit and well fitted skirt, introduced for the first time in the 1920s dramatically determined the end of the conventional way of conceiving women's clothing and welcomed a more modern line of thought in fashion design.

Today that suit is still seen as the quintessential elegance of an independent woman.

The legendary Coco Chanel got her nickname from another legend. The story says that it comes from a song she used to sing as a performer during her singing career in her younger years. Nobody know if it's true, what is certain is that she was a pearl: effortlessly *tres chic*.





# *The Secret Garden*

*By Pamela Silva*

There is no introduction for this place, but what I can tell is that it is breathtaking. A great children's classic, adapted as a movie in 1993. The Secret Garden is one of the most amazing places in New York City. It is part of Central Park, located in the section named "The Conservatory Garden." This fountain is a tribute to Frances Hodgson Burnett, the author of the children "The Secret Garden," this fountain represents Mary and Dickon, the main characters in the book.



This garden is perfect for everyone, and is perfect to be visited in spring or summer, yet winter is a special moment here. It makes it more magical than it is already. In summer, it is perfect not just for everyone, but especially for kids. This fountain in summer is full of tulips in a variety of colors, and surrounded by trees, making it a great place for spending the day with friends and family. In winter, this garden will be full of snow, which makes it more magical than summer.



The secret Garden was adapted into a drama/Fantasy British movie in 1993. directed by [Agnieszka Holland](#).

The Secret Garden is a British children's novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett published in 1911.

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## Outstanding Activities in New York City

### - Kohsuke Uchino

New York City is one of the most dramatic and passionate cities in the world. Numerous places make me excited and get me never bored. Times Square, Broadway theaters, Central Park, enormous museums, are just a few of the attractions. This sparkling, gigantic city has never stopped fascinating not only me but also people from all over the world. There are a large number of amusements and attractions that are affordable in the city so we can find our own favorite activity from hundreds of options. For instance, wandering through the streets in Manhattan is one of the wonderful and affordable activities because we encounter many interesting things. Especially, going to Central Park is a marvelous. Meanwhile, we would come across a bunch of entertainments, such as street musicians, dancers, magicians, and so on. Different types of neighborhoods are located next to each other so we can see the true melting pot that is New York. Many things stimulate me, but taking the Staten Island Ferry and going to the Botanical Garden in Staten Island are worthwhile experiences I have ever had. Today, I'd like to show you these spots since people, especially tourists, may not know about Staten Island.

Staten Island, one of the five boroughs of the city of New York, is not a place where tourists usually go. People living outside of the New York metropolitan area may think New York is just Manhattan because when New York City is presented through TV or other kinds of media, Manhattan always stands out as if it were the only area of the city. Actually, Staten Island has less loadstones comparing to other boroughs. There is a big diversity



between Manhattan and Staten Island. I must have different feeling about two boroughs: one island is extremely active and another island is peaceful. Visiting the island is as if escaping from the battlefield and it makes me calm.

First, there is one of the most startling attractions within the city connecting the two islands between Manhattan and Staten Island. Staten Islanders usually use the Staten Island Ferry to commute to Manhattan. However, the ferry is more than simply public transportation. While the ferry crosses the Upper Bay we can also see the Manhattan skyline, Brooklyn Bridge, and the warehouses of Brooklyn, as well as Jersey City in New Jersey. Furthermore, it passes by the Statue of Liberty representing freedom for all. The best time to take the ferry is toward sunset. I was amazed since the statue got backlit from the sun and looked like a shining diamond.

Secondly, the Chinese garden in the Botanical Garden of Staten Island. This summer, I went to there with my friend who is a Staten Islander. I would take the Staten Island Ferry from Manhattan to get to the island and transfer to a bus to go to the Botanical Garden, where The Chinese Scholar's Garden is located, in



Staten Island from the ferry terminal. When I first took the bus going to the garden, I was skeptical whether the garden existed because a Chinese garden in Staten Island sounded erratic to me. I got lost in the Botanical Garden, which was enormous. There was no sign leading to the Chinese garden. When I went through the garden gate I immediately felt as if I were in China. I was impressed that the elements of the garden were completely the same as the things I have seen in China. It was not a New York City scene. This is a charming place that conveys you to a different place. This is not a well-know place in the city so we can visit and enjoy without thousands of tourists such as in Times Square.

Staten Island embraces astonishing activities. If you have never been to the island, this is worthy information. I think you will find it a wonderful experience. If you want to know more information about Staten Island, follow the website below.

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