

It was truly amazing. New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC. Being from a small island, it took a bit to adapt to the brilliantly hectic city, the towering buildings and incredible landmarks left me in awe. What an utterly astounding experience, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

From Broadway shows to basketball matches, this trip had something for everyone. Looking up towards Lady Liberty, standing on the Top of the Rock - you name it, we did it. The highlight for me was standing on the top of the Empire State building at night. Not only was this incredibly iconic, New York being the 'city that never sleeps', but it was completely inspiring moment shared with amazing people.

To assist our studies on 1920's America, we visited museums and landmarks such as the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration and Wall Street, and also focused upon more modern issues such as the 911 memorial, something I thought to be extremely moving, desperately important and especially relevant in today's society.

Not only teaching me about history, this extraordinary trip gave me the unique and extremely valuable opportunity to learn how to deal with foreign environments. Having never left the UK prior to this experience, it gave me a chance to develop valuable life skills that simply cannot be taught in a classroom. I was able to embrace different cultures, enjoy amazing foods and create unforgettable memories.

Witnessing protests against the Vice President in Philadelphia, visiting the Capitol Building in Washington, standing in the notorious Time Square in New York City. I will never forget that phenomenal week, and I simply couldn't imagine a better trip.