



Cities: Why They Are Where They Are

New York lies in the northeastern part of the United States. It borders five states, three lakes, a country, and an ocean. Most New Yorkers live where there is a generous water supply and easy access to other parts of the state.

Waterways

1. New York City is the largest city in the United States and the third largest city in the world.
 - a. New York City is located in southeastern New York, near the Atlantic Ocean. In the legend, circle the city symbol. Then, on the map, find the city symbol between Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean and label it **NEW YORK CITY**.
 - b. New York City has one of the world's busiest ports, where nearly 200,000 workers receive goods from all over the world. In the Atlantic Ocean, near New York City, draw a ship.
2. Albany is the capital of New York and one of the oldest cities in the United States.
 - a. In the legend, outline the capital symbol. Then, on the map, outline the capital symbol north of New York City and label it **ALBANY**.
 - b. Trace the river between New York City and Albany. What is its name? _____
 - c. This river carries cargo ships to Albany's port. Draw a ship along the river.
 - d. This river, the Mohawk River, and the Erie Canal connect Albany to other parts of the state. From Albany, trace the Mohawk River and the Erie Canal west.
3. Buffalo is New York's second largest city. Transportation and industry make Buffalo one of the state's most populous and economically important regions.
 - a. Find the city symbol near the western tip of the Erie Canal. Label it **BUFFALO**.
 - b. Water from Niagara Falls provides hydroelectric power to Buffalo's many industries. On the map, draw a lightning bolt, for electricity, north of Buffalo.
 - c. One of the Great Lakes is just west of Buffalo. What is the name of that lake?

Highways

4. The country's longest toll superhighway, Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway, links some of New York's major cities.
 - a. Find the city symbol at 43°N, 78°W. Label it **ROCHESTER**.
 - b. In central New York, find the city symbol west of 76°W. Label it **SYRACUSE**.
 - c. Draw a line to connect the city symbols of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Albany.
 - d. Below your line, write **DEWEY THRUWAY**.