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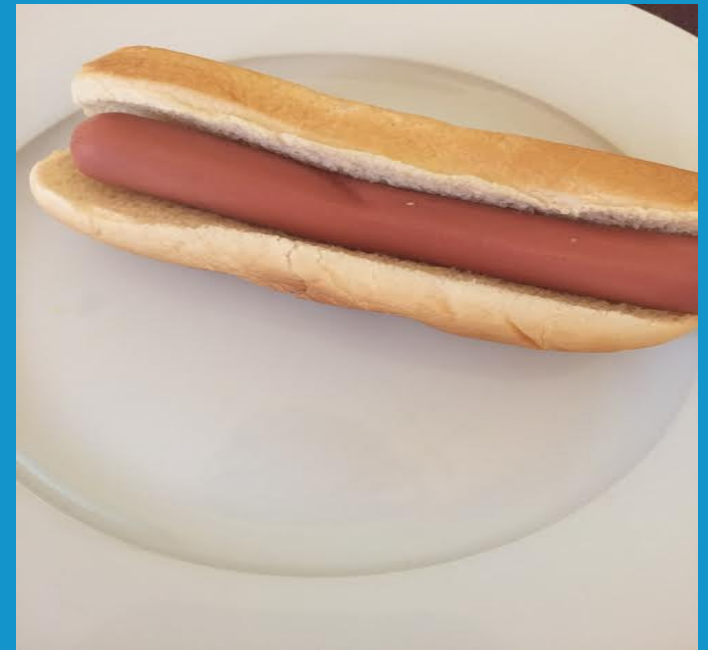
# CULTURE IS PART OF US

Imagine you're standing in Jamaica eating a beef patty. Imagine a few minutes later you're standing in China eating fried rice. Can you really travel to Italy, Greece, Japan and Mexico in a blink of an eye? No you cannot, but you can have a taste of all these countries. That's why I love New York City because there are so many foods from different cultures.

Everybody likes to eat, and in New York City everybody likes to eat food from different places. In New York City there are some neighborhoods like Chinatown and Little Italy that are known for one type of food. However, most streets in New York City will have food from many different cultures all on the same block.

This variety of food saves my family every night from having big fights. One person will want Chinese and another person will want Italian, because we live in New York City everyone is able to have food from whatever culture he or she want for dinner. When you bite into that perfect piece of pizza, you can imagine that you're in Italy. That is what makes food from all different cultures so unique and special.

New York City is so unique because people from all over the world come to live here and they bring their food with them. This allows people who live in New York City to have the opportunity and option, to travel the world for a few seconds at a time by trying different foods.



English:  
Hotdog  
American:  
Hot Dog

**“Food is a big part of my culture, so everyone knows how to cook. When I came to America and asked a babysitter to soft boil an egg for my son and she didn't know how, I was shocked.”**

**-Isabella Rossellini**



English: Pizza  
Italian: Pizza

**“Food is a lens for culture.”- Dana Goodyear**



**“I’ve got tremendous respect for cultures, for the food and everything.”- Ian Rush**

**English: Sushi**

**Japanese: 寿司**





**English: Gyro**  
**Greek: Gyro**

“Food is not rational. Food is culture, habit, craving and identity.” –  
Jonathan Safran Foer



**English: Beef  
Patty**

**Jamaican:  
Beef Patty**

“Food culture is like listening to the Beatles - it's international, it's very positive, it's inventive and creative.”- Alice Waters



English: Fried Rice  
Chinese: 炒飯

**“Food is a central activity of mankind and one of the single most significant trademarks of a culture.”**

**-Mark Kurlansky**





**English: Burrito**  
**Spanish: Burrito**

“There is a lot of food culture that goes on in the home and in the community in non-traditional ways. Food is a lot more than restaurants.”- Eddie Huang

# Authors Note

New York City is part food and part culture. For example the sixth picture is something that my grandma and I always enjoy together. The picture of the Greek Gyro is something that is a big part of our friends' lives. The photo of the Jamaican Beef Patty is something that is not very usual for me to eat. That's why New York City is amazing. I don't know if everyone in New York City has tried every different kind of food, that's a new adventure.