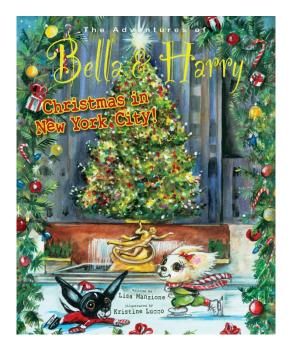
# The Adventures of Bella & Harry:

## **Christmas in New York City!**

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The Adventures of Bella & Harry is a children's book series chronicling the escapades of a pup named Bella, her little brother Harry and their family, who travel the world exploring the sights and sounds of new, exciting cities.

The "Bella & Harry" series is an informative, interactive and exciting way to introduce children to travel, different countries, customs, history and landmarks with the educational value of the books cleverly disguised amidst dozens of illustrated pages.

Traveling the world with these two cute and cuddly sibling Chihuahuas will allow the young reader to gain an appreciation of the world and its cultural diversity.

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#### Activities:

1. **Comprehension:** Use the attached sheet to answer questions about the story.

2. Drawing: Have your students draw three things they might have seen in New York City.

3. Crossword Puzzle: Use the attached crossword puzzle and fill in the blanks.

4. **Compare and Contrast:** Have students use the attached Venn Diagram to compare and contrast New York City with a city in the United States. If you have read more than one adventure, you may want to compare and contrast those two cities as well.

5. Writing Assignment: Have your students use the attached sheet to express what they have learned.

#### **Extensions**:

- Choose a landmark in New York City (or New York state) and research more about it.
- Use books and the internet to research New York City, New York state or the United States.
- Have students think of other places they would like to learn more about.
- Create a newspaper article about Christmastime in New York City.
- Look up and research other cities, or states, that begin with "N".
- Have a cultural day and try a variety of New York City street food.
- Have students create a journal pretending they are visiting New York City during Christmastime and have them document what they see and do.
- Look up other cities and see how they prepare/decorate their city for Christmas.

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### **Facts About Christmas in New York City**

Directions: Think back about the story and answer the following questions.

- 1. How many boroughs does New York City have? Can you name them? Which borough did Bella and Harry stay in?
- 2. Think back to the map on page 10. Which eight (8) states are located close to the state of New York?
- 3. Can you name some of the buildings Bella and Harry saw while walking down Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Avenue?
- 4. Where was the Christmas tree located? What framed their view of the Christmas tree?
- 5. There was a statue behind the ice rink. What do you remember about it?
- 6. What were some of the foods that street vendors were selling on the streets of New York City?
- 7. Who did Bella and Harry see perform at Radio City Music Hall?
- 8. What was the name of the area located in the center of the Broadway Theater District?
- 9. Where did Bella and Harry mail their letter to Santa from?
- 10. What is something you learned about Christmas in New York City that you found interesting?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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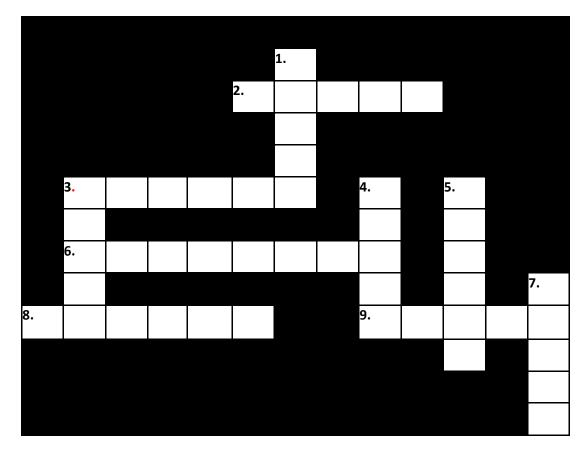
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**Directions:** Draw and label three things you might see if you were in New York City.



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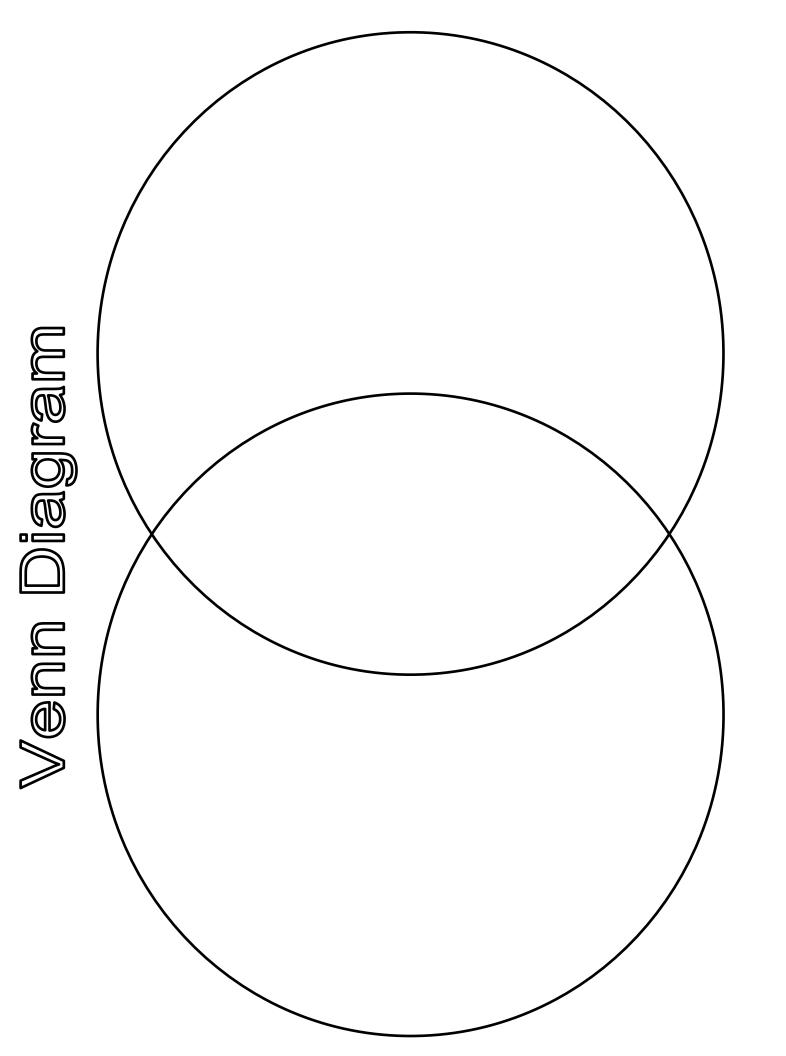


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- 2. The New York City Public Library has two \_\_\_\_\_ in front of it
- 3. Bella and Harry took a \_\_\_\_\_ ride with Santa
- 6. New York is considered a mid-\_\_\_\_\_ state
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- 9. Bella and Harry had their picture taken with \_\_\_\_\_

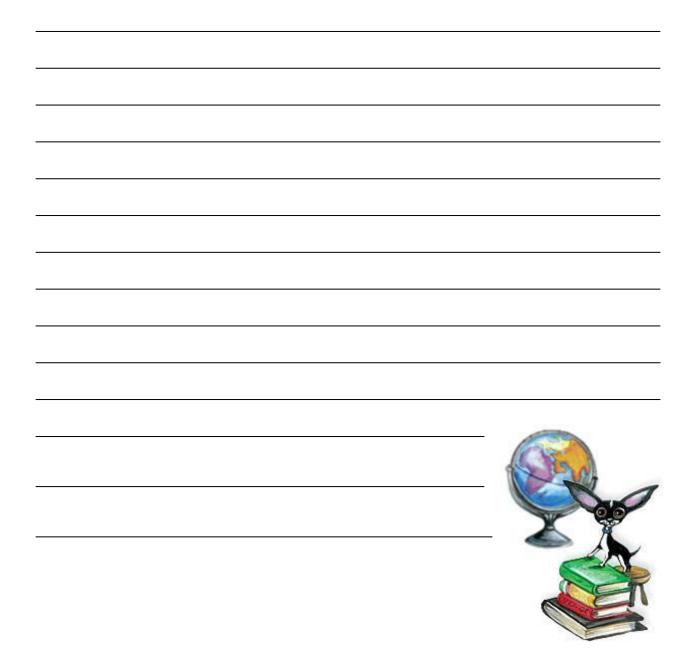
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- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ is a borough in New York City
- 7. Bella and Harry visited \_\_\_\_\_ City Music Hall



## **Summarize the Story**

Directions: In your own words, summarize the story. Remember to include the important facts and information that you learned.



## **Answer Key**

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Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

- Can you name some of the buildings Bella and Harry saw while walking down Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Avenue?
  They saw Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the Empire State Building and the New York Public Library.
- 4. Where was the Christmas tree located? What framed their view of the Christmas tree?The Christmas tree was located at Rockefeller Center and it was framed by the Channel Gardens.
- There was a statue behind the ice rink. What do you remember about it?
  It was a statue of Prometheus, a god in Greek mythology that brought fire and wind to mankind.
- What were some of the foods that street vendors were selling on the streets of New York City? Nuts, hot dogs, pretzels and roasted chestnuts.
- Who did Bella and Harry see perform at Radio City Music Hall? They saw the Rockettes perform.
- What was the name of the area located in the center of the Broadway Theater District? It was called Times Square.
- Where did Bella and Harry mail their letter to Santa from? They mailed it from the North Pole Mailbox.
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