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rk. To New York City with no Everything you could find in the Five boroughs of the world. I and take a walk in New York City and foreign neighborhoods New York it is your job to try everything you can do. It is a beautiful city and ever-changing. Come over to the new day each evening admiring the skyline. Spend the night in the city and learn as much as you can and is to love it. Our section is a guide to the city. Over every new home lived SUBWAYS ff BUSES New York's subway system celebrated its 100th birthday in 2004. Besides being old the subway system is one of the most comprehensive transportation systems in the world. It is also one of the most congested; millions of people use the

subway system each and every day. For a mere two dollars you can go almost anywhere in New York. Most people would agree that New York's entire transportation system is improving all the time. Despite recent budget cuts most subway booths have remained open and the MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) has been cleaning up its act in the formerly dirty stations. On the negative side, having a century-old system translates into frequent repairs, delays and track changes (mostly on done on weekends) check out www.mta.info/nyct/subway/ to find out what's going on or call (718) 330-1234 the MTA information line). Service all~rations confuse even seasoned New Yorkers. Most of the~time commuters are informed of track or schedule changes through white posters posted throughout subway stations. If you see a white poster at your station make sure to read it. The smell of the subway is not entirely pleasant either. It is stark a fleshy mix of oil, grime, perfume and collective sweat. As for the sound they give construction workers earplugs to protect them from the kinds of screeches and howls you will hear on a daily basis. The subway's screechy rhythm will soon have you bringing a book and adopting that patented "don't bother me" New York scowl. Overall the MTA does a great job with the subway system. New Yorkers will complain about anything and everything and the subway takes a frequent beating. Nonetheless more people are riding subways than ever before. Subway trains are the veins that run through the body of the city and New York grinds to a halt without them. In fact the day the city was gridlocked meaning no car could move a car length unless another car exited the island of Manhattan was because of a transit strike that shut down the subways that morning. Directions In the city it is always important to know where you are going. Before setting out on a quest to a new area of New York make sure to consult a subway or bus map. Always be aware that "uptown" means Bronx- or Queens-bound whereas "downtown" means Brooklyn-bound. If you accidentally pay your fare and get onto the wrong direction-bound train try finding an underground passageway leading to the opposite track. The station that allows for the most transfers is the Times Square-42nd St. Station. If you cannot find a city living 7

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