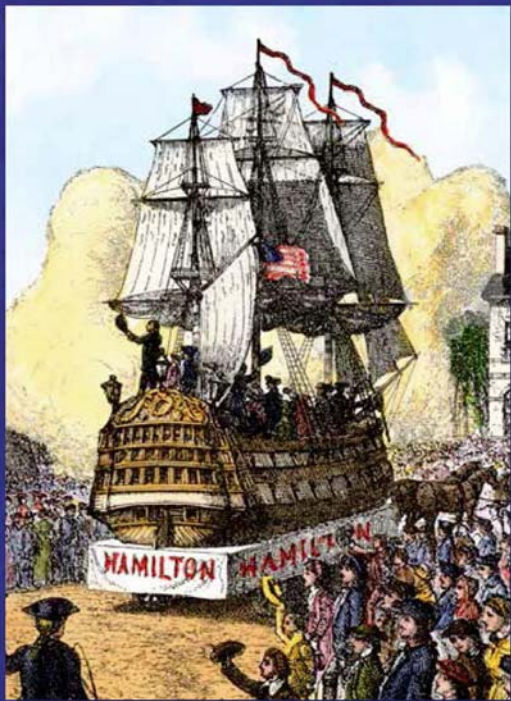


# Alexander Hamilton's New York City



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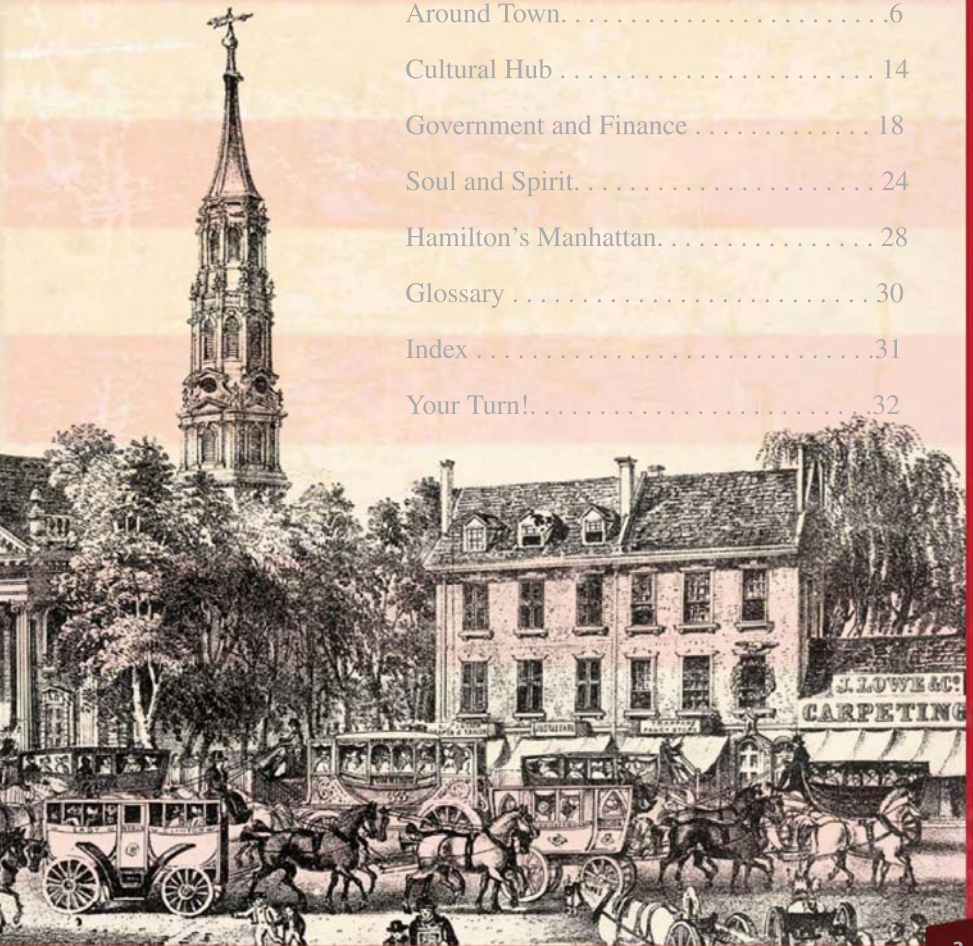
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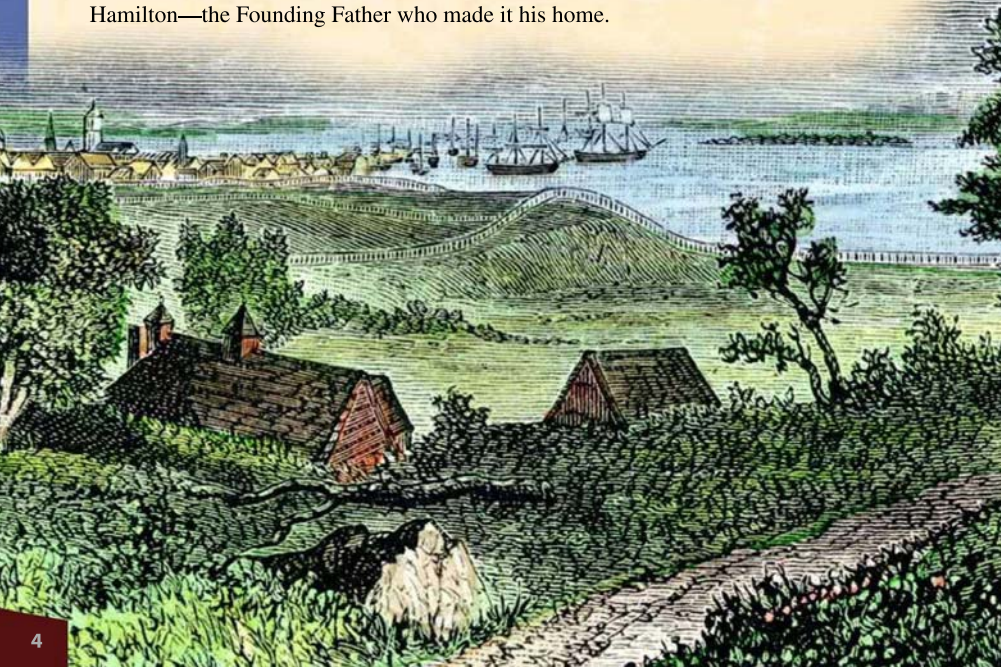


# Greatest City in the World

It is alive and **frenetic**, varied and diverse. It is bound by water but reaches for the sky. It is New York City, the sparkling gem on the shores of the Atlantic. Some people say it is the greatest city in the world.

But this is not today's New York. It is the New York of long ago—a New York that you can still experience if you know where to find it. The framework of the modern city was etched into this long-ago metropolis. Yet, while much of the old city has crumbled away, if you close your eyes and imagine, you can bring it to life. You can hear the gulls cry at the wide and bustling bayside **port** where trade flourishes on passing ships. You can hear the clomping of horseshoes and the rattling of wooden carts rolling along the narrow, paved roads that wind through the growing city. You can feel the shade of countless trees that line the byways as you walk past the tall wood and stone houses. And you can smell the ocean breeze that wafts down one of the few wide roads in the city, aptly known as Broad Way.

It is the New York of a developing nation. And it is the New York of Alexander Hamilton—the Founding Father who made it his home.



Alexander Hamilton,  
around age 15

upper  
Manhattan  
Island in the  
late 1700s



## Alexander Hamilton

Hamilton was born in the West Indies. He came to America in his teens to make his way in the world. His passion for knowledge, growth, and making a name for himself not only shaped the man he would become but also a new nation—the United States of America.

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## Population Explosion

When Hamilton first came to New York City, it was the second largest city in the colonies. There were about 20,000 residents. Today, its expanding borders and dense population make it the largest city in the United States. This city has more than 8.5 million people.



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