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Assisting and resonating the elderly and the kids even for other families' is one of the good traditions of Chinese. The thoughts actually contribute to a lot of immigration associations trying to do everything in their power to work out the charity things. For example, they help the new immigrants through the early difficult time in the United States, and they are more than willing to assist in the application of all the government's subsidies and social services for the poor as well as the minority. Those types of groups or institutions gradually increased from a number of a few tens to roughly several hundreds for right now. Also some of them have run the charity business quite well and even own stable office spaces.

Education is always one of the main concerns of the American government when it comes to subsidies. Not only for compulsory education system from kindergarten up to the 12th grade of high school conducted by the federal, state and local government, but also students would be supervised and corrected on the streets by the police if they do any wrong. Generally speaking, not so many kids in the United States drop out of school. As for higher education, universities or colleges offer scholarship of all kinds, financial aids, and student loans to help the youth fulfill the schooling in time. The student loans with a fairly low interest are usually long-term plans, so students could be able to pay back when they graduate school and also successfully have a job. Those procedures of education subsidies are meant to meet the young people's needs when they cope with the schooling related expenses, such as tuition, books and living fees. Those do help upgrade the quality of citizens in the United States.

As more and more Asian immigrants move into America, a unique industry of tutor schools was hence brought about and swiftly developed. Traditionally students in the United States are of course not aware of what tutor schools are. Asian descent parents often work their way to send kids to cram schools for extra schooling materials and also for special talents practicing so as to well prepare them for entering high schools and universities with good reputation.

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Some tutor schools are to meet the needs of new immigrant's language ability for a living or for citizenship test. But those are more for commercial purposes, aiming to make huge profits by charging relatively high tuition and playing tricks on the government regulations of subsidies to new immigrants who have no idea of that.

Usually the public school system operated by the government of three levels is to service people and supposed not to see profit as the main purpose. Private schools on the other hand are hard to balance between the vision and the financial status; oftentimes quite a few of them might end up trying to make their ends meet by profiting more from students. Beyond those two types of educational organizations, there is still another kind run by the non-governmental organizations or institutions. Though the school supported by those by the non-governmental organizations depend their funding on the public or the companies' donation and the charity activities, they strive to supply people of lower social level with job training and language programs to survive in modern society.

It is everybody's destiny to be born, grow up, go to school, land a job for career, married for a family life, and finally pass away. From that perspective, everyone is equal to be granted a life, but the truth goes different way as everyone is born unequal due to differentiation, discrimination, comparison, bias, etc. That also results in a lot of hatred, wars and unfair social hierarchy. We should treat those who are born in poor and a disadvantaged status with love and sympathy, and help them through their difficult time to be survivals.

As a matter of facts, there are many concerts, performances, and sale activities that contribute their incomes for charity in society. In addition, Lions Clubs, Kiwanis International Foundation, Rotary Clubs, and Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation are several very active charity organizations in Chinatown.

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“Walks for Millions” is a charity event with a long history. Its purpose is to attract more people to join the activity. More people involved; more funds get to generate. Also it is an exercise for good health. Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association holds “Walks for Millions” events in New York every year. American Cancer Society also participates in “Walks for Millions”. What they deal with the funds is to help prevent from breast cancer among the Chinese descent women communities by promotion advertisement and periodical breast exam offers. Their hard work greatly makes up the parts that the government cannot handle with.

Wars are always a vital destruction to human life in history. No matter who or what country initiates the war, no one is the absolute winner in the end. In the wars of modern times, it is way difficult to distinguish the front line from the back. They are prevailing everywhere and everyone is without a doubt to be involved. Iraq war is the bloody case to show how war would impact and alter the whole world. Those never seemingly decrease death toll and delicately manipulated conspiracies at a government-to-government level simply worse what it could bring along.

In the past, the countries that failed in the war gave in to the winner ones or parts, and the lost country also needed to not only cede territories but also pay a huge sum of indemnities to the winner countries. After all, those countries lost are basically defined as the winning ones’ colonies.

Nowadays while people tend to pay more attention to the human rights and more related issues of humanitarianism, the winner countries usually seek to fake out and hide their true greed of ruling the lost countries by financially supporting their overall re-construction and democracy reform. With not-that-sincere-intentions of winner countries, revenges and wars resulted from lost countries again is predictable. It is a vicious circle to our human beings never being able to reach a world of peace.

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Take the People's Republic of China for example. It once even had a touch war to assist Vietnam in coping up with the United States but finally ended up being attacked by Vietnam in return. Also as Germany and Japan lost as leaders of Axis countries in 1945, their countries underwent destructive damages for overall economy and others national developments. But through the United Kingdom and the United States' rescue and assistance in both Germany and Japan's recovery, they now return to be one of those economic great powers in the world. However the most recently Iraq War is a different case. Although the United States has been friendly to help Iraq recover from losing in the war, the people there seemed to even want to revenge and look to create more turmoil to the whole world. In fact, there are no forever friends or enemies as far as those international dispute and wars go. It all depends on how many benefits or advantages those countries would estimate to seize.

Bridge building, road pavement, pavilion construction, and leverage supplies were what people considered as important procedures to the trades and transportation in ancient China. After the World War II, the United States invested a huge sum of money together with all resources required to build up many highways across America. Over several years' hard work, everything finally paid off. The tightly-connected-each-other transportation system played a very crucial role in American's economy. Most of the highways would not charge drivers, and that much attributes to the road trip quite an epidemic in the United States.

There are some charitable organizations or groups that often offer free meals to the poor. And in wintertime they also give away clothes for keeping warm, too. The goods they do are worth appreciation but those organizations really have to pay more attention to go through who are surely the ones to receive charitable resources and assistance. For instance, some churches in New York or Atlanta would supply the poor with free lunch. However, it's odd to see quite a few presentable-looking people the same wait in line for it. And they would usually get free lunch as well since no thorough identity check is often needed there.

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There are various ways for collecting charitable funds in New York City. Around the time at Thanksgiving, people in the Santa Claus costumes sent by those charitable organizations would ring the bells and ask people for donation. And the nuns also walk along the streets or into the office for the same purpose. Donation boxes are commonly seen at every corner of streets in the city as well.

Also when some major disasters happened, some people might sell flowers for charity at restaurants.

Usually on Sunday, the churches and temples might ask their followers to donate some money for charity on certain religious ceremonies and festivals. Especially for the Buddhists, they are used to donating “incense fee” for daily management of temples as well as all charities. In a lifetime, everyone is inevitably more or less to encounter accidents or emergencies at some point. That could well tell why those charitable organizations and the social welfare and subsidy system of the government are so imperative in our society.

Compulsory Education Lasts for 12 Years and Many Financial Aids Are Available for Higher Education

By witnessing that the United States is the No.1 superpower country among other powerful countries with the strength of high quality manpower resulting from education popularization, many Chinese start to urge that the government of the People's Republic of China should make more efforts to invest on education. Compulsory Education in the United States is offered free and by the government to satisfy the academic needs of students from elementary schools to secondary schools. Kids at kindergartens and elementary schools would get free lunch as well. As for high school students, they enjoy free public transportation. In this way, most of American children can grab at least a high school degree or even pursue their higher education after that. Especially for the 2nd or 3rd generation of Chinese immigrants here, as long as they aim to study hard, they would definitely graduate from universities of good reputation and get through great jobs then so as to enter the mainstream society in America.

Chinese after being through the economy reform, the government also devoted quite a lot to education. Though still trying to keeping up with those developed countries, many colleges and universities have been established in recent years. A large number of Chinese immigrants also passionately helped to build several elementary schools in the far distant north and west areas of China.

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Whoever born in the United States will be the citizen, unless he or she gives it up. Chinese who are born in America are usually named as American born Chinese (ABC). In the hospital no matter you are the poor or the rich, the treatment and service would be the same. For instance the pregnant women are to share a room and the meals there are the same though after leaving the hospital, they might lead a totally different life of low or high quality. American government has laws on protection the rights of pregnant women at work. The employers cannot fire them upon that. In general, when a child is born until he or she fulfills higher education would cost a family \$500,000. The rich, of course, wouldn't worry a bit but stress of the poor would be much lessened since the government submits all kinds of subsidies that are easily accessed to.

In the past, they babies were given birth to by the assistance of midwives. Nowadays people usually go to the hospital to deliver babies.

Children right now are oftentimes born to be as the center of a family and are spoiled as little princes and princesses in many ways as their parents could afford to. They also live in an era of peace so as to refrain from any hard time or obstacles before they turn grown ups.

About adopting a child, Americans who are qualified usually receive the kids from the third world or those developing countries. In order to secure those children to get a good normal life, people who are willing to adopt need to be physically and mentally healthy with moderate to high incomes.

Children from the rich families might be sent to private pre-schools at a really early age of 3 in the past. The tuition is expensive around \$600 per month. In the latest year since the American government encouraged parents to be employed, families with low to moderate incomes could receive subsidies for preschools by 80% to 100%.

In the United States, the age of maturity is 18 years old. And by law, children who are under 12 years old cannot be left alone home by themselves.

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Physical punishment (or corporal punishment) of children is severely inhibited in the United States. Instead parents need to verbally communicate with children once discovering they do wrongs. If children are hurt by physical punishment from their parents, parents might be even put into jail sometimes. If teachers at school discover the cases, they usually work with social workers to together warn parents for the first time. However if same cases happen for a few times, they will arrange children to live with foster families.

In Chinese families, physical punishment is often regarded as an effective method to remind children of their inappropriate or bad behaviors, on the contrary. Chinese parents assume after children get some physical punishments, they'll be more alert and responsible for what they act.

Child labor doesn't exist in the United States. Before reaching the age of maturity, children are not allowed to work in restaurants, factories, offices, and any other workplace as well. The main duty for American children, in a word, is to study well.

If the underage child commits a crime, he or she usually wouldn't be given a heavy sentence. In this way, lots of gang or criminal groups focus on collecting teenagers and training them into committing crimes. In those cases, when those children criminals are caught, they would get paroled or suspended a sentence because they're still under the age of maturity. That hence helped highbinders in Chinatown extremely active during the 70s to 80s. Not until Rudy Giuliani as the mayor of New York City, the situation has not been greatly improved.

Many children are suffering from cretinism even though the world of science has quite progressed in the human history. The core reason to cause that disease is because people nowadays don't eat natural and healthy foods; instead they take in a lot synthetic foods made of harmful chemicals and preserves.

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The mild patients of cretinism have to go to the hospital to be treated 5 days a week, though they could be taken home over weekends. As for the severe ones, they are required to stay in the hospital for long-term treatment. The American government has poured in much time, effort and money to solve the problem, the outcome isn't visible yet.

Some children on the other hand are born with exceptional intellectual ability, creativity and originality to a certain high degree far over the average. They are geniuses. Those children could be easily able to do some great achievements, such as winning in the Olympic Games or Nobel Prizes at an earlier age depending on their respectively different expertise.

Children in the United States usually wouldn't bear a lot of pressure in the light of studying. Parents tend to take them out over weekends for fun and also to acquire some extra information outside schools.

Children Happily Grow up with Lots of Toys and Famous Brands around

Six Flags Great Adventures in Jersey not only have exciting playground equipment but also possess many wildlife animals. The thrilling 360-degree roller coaster is a big selling point to attract tourists come visit all the time. Other famous amusement parks, like Disney World/Land that are available in California and Florida. And the one in Florida is especially worth a visit to the youth. Games and programs offered in those giant amusement parks usually take 2-3 days to finish. The smallest Disney World/Land in the world now is located in Hong Kong. As for the one in Shanghai, it's possible to be made come true soon.

For special protection of kids in the automobiles, parents have to sit their children in the child safety seats.

As for more and more families gain in more incomes, parents have more budgets to take the whole family to travel around domestically or internationally. To fully satisfy the needs of families with babies and little kids, high-end hotels all prepare for child car seats and airlines also offer babysitting services as well.

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Some parents might not spend much on their clothing but will splurge outfits for their children. That's why all children's wear retailers are so profitable. There are outlets everywhere for families to get great deal of huge discounts of merchandise, even those from some famous or luxury brands. So people love to hunt for nice stuff at a much cheaper price at outlets.

Children in the United States live in the abundant world of materials. From early childhood, girls like Barbies and boys are probably fascinated with LEGO. Until they turn teenagers, they desire more like cell phones, video games, skater boards, laptops, etc. All those toys are offered by parents or sometimes given by relatives on holidays.

The toy industry is gainful not only in the United States but also all over the world. A lot of adults are also crazy about toys as well. As for toys targeting grown ups, the catalogues and product genres are even more complicated and appealing. Toys "R" Us is the leading kids store for toy, video games, dolls building toys, and more. It's also the most profitable corporation in the toy industry.

The education in American is relatively less stressful to kids compared with other countries. Children actually wouldn't be assigned a lot of homework from school, and therefore they have handful of free time to relax and learn something beyond school. Also all kinds of holiday activities are essential to children's life experiences; schools never skip them. However the side effect of that learning environment is students are often lack of or not good at basic schooling knowledge. For example it's not surprising American children cannot calculate anything without computers or calculators since they're never asked to memorize any mathematics formula.

Another vivid characteristic of American cultures is fast food. MacDonald's, Burger King, Dunkin' donuts, etc. are typical representatives of fast foods in the United States and they are everywhere at the corners. Because of the unhealthy cooking ways and too strong flavors, those fast food franchises make American Children suffered from obesity or even diabetes. What fast food lack in its preparing process is it never considers freshness of ingredients, sound and healthy cooking procedures, and also a variety of spices. And that's exactly what Chinese dishes are specialized in.

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As for what Americans are usually familiar with Chinese dishes such as spring rolls, sweet and sour pork, fried chop suey, fortune cookies, are only a little amount of Chinese Cuisine. However as time goes by, more and more American get to comprehend that Chinese dishes are the cuisine with depth and has so much to favor, Chinese food now has re-shaped its own image of being healthy and tasty in front of the world.

Regarding environmental development, the United States also takes the lead. Besides many well-known International Parks and Preserves, the American government builds free parks, big or small, in the cities in order to give all citizens some resting and recreational spaces. The most notable park in the New York City is Central Park. It occupies approximately 4 avenues and 50 streets as its scope. Inside this huge and fabulous park, there are lakes for boating, mini zoo, swimming pool, bike paths, etc.

The immigrants are welcomed to the United States, many people from other countries hence fly into this piece of land of freedom and American dreams. It is interesting you would get to see people of all races, to hear diverse dialects, to experience multi-cultures of richness, and to appreciate various traditional customs. In general, the 1st generation of immigrants would stick to their own native languages while the 2nd generation would grow up in company of both native languages and American English. Quite a number of immigrants of the 2nd second generation are only good at American English, too.

When Chinese children come to the United States, language is the first and most difficult obstacle to overcome. Usually the first 2 months would be no doubt torture to them, they would progress a lot after they're through the moment. Chinese children are commonly seen in attending Ivy League schools or winning scholarship.

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While Chinese immigrants started to earn money and save more money, they also began to pay attention to enjoy life as typical Americans are passionate about. The tours to travel around the world's famous sightseeing spots are popular among Chinese as well. Even Cruise that used to belong to the rich are now affordable to most families based on different and flexible packages offered. As for the cruise tours, people need to fly to a specific harbor and then ride on the cruise. A romantic and joyful tour starts since then.

Review of 360 Degree on Chinatown

From 1800 to 1960, Italian immigrants vigorously owned a wide territory as if their hometowns based on Mulberry Street, reaching the east end on Elizabeth and Mott Streets, west on Baxter Street, south on Worth Street and North on Prince Street. The Italian immigration started to decline since the mid-70s.

Then the United States and the People's Republic of China officially established their diplomatic relationships, and the Chinese immigration rush kicked off. People moved to America in terms of commerce, visit and further study. Most people choose to dwell in the big cities, like New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco where there were already many Chinese immigrants gathered. The center of Chinatown in New York was the areas located on the south of Canal Street. The rents as well housing prices are cheap around \$40-100 per month at the time. The 6-story building was sold at a market price of \$60,000-100,000. Meanwhile Italian immigrants moved to other parts of the city, Chinese hence got to expand the size of Chinatown.

What people usually refer to Chinatown is actually the one in Manhattan. It has a long history recorded since the early 20th century. Most of the early groups of Chinese immigrants are from Taishan. They worked hard and possess the good tradition of Chinese, being economic and helping rooting the solid base for those follower immigrants.

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The overall rapid development of Chinatown is beyond recognition in the 21st century. Gradually it has rid of its old image of mainly dealing with some low-end business like groceries, Laundromats, and restaurants. Those used-to-be fabulous noodle factories and clothing manufacturers vanished. Responding to economic and social changes, that labor-intensified industry has been hugely impacted. In Chinatown nowadays there are many spectacular restaurants, like Kam Fung, Golden Bridge, and Oriental East. Many Chinese local cuisines are also widely available at Hong Kong Station, Grand Sichuan, the dining room Management Group, etc. Chase, Citibank, HSBC banks all set up their branches here. More surprisingly when you stroll down on Canal Street, you would get to check out many more jewelry shops, showcasing various pricy watches, luxury gold accessories, glittering diamonds, and gold-plated gifts as well.

The newly-flourishing business in Chinatown also include real estate, insurance, traveling, clinics, hotels, law firms, lottery, beauty salons, investment, and so on. The multi-cultures co-exist in harmony there, and that also brings about a new atmosphere of prosperity.

With its never-endingly aggressive progress, Chinatown has been full of competition and its rent and housing problems are always troublesome. In this way some of Chinese immigrants started to look for new territories for residence. They then focused on the far distant flushing area in Queens. Now the main popular language here is Mandarin.

The 3rd Chinatown on east coast is located around the 8th avenue in Brooklyn. People here use both Mandarin and Cantonese. The population of Chinese immigrants in Brooklyn Chinatown is ranked at No. 4 among all Chinatowns in the United States. To further help business interaction among those 3 Chinatowns, the shuttle bus services are brought into existence. Though there is public transportation to connect Chinatowns, it still consumes much time to commute among those 3 locations because of the long routes. Right now the shuttle bus business even is expanded to cover all kinds of bus tours.

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While more Chinese immigrants are successful in career, they are no longer satisfied with the quality of life in Chinatown, they therefore seek for a better living environment, saying more concerned with the schooling area. Long Island, New Jersey State, and Connecticut State are 3 hotspots. The population of Chinese immigrants has reached 4,000,000.

There used to many movie theaters in Chinatown. However with invention and popularity of DVDs, VCDs, videotapes, and TV, those cinemas gradually disappeared. Shuan Gong Cinema was the very last one to close up its business.

In the past, many famous stars from Hong Kong or Taiwan loved to come to America for performance. Since Chinatown was not a safe place at that era, those stars then switched to perform at casinos in Connecticut or Vegas. But several high-end or classis performances would still take place in the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

The production power of China has been much revealed for the latest years, and it replaced the United States in many ways as world's No.1 manufacturer now. Though most recently the quality of production made in China had been severely questioned, accusations on that are not 100% persuasive. Since some of the remarks of the American government are exaggerating to unreasonably attribute its unemployment problem and the economy downturn to China's poor production.

The knockoff business or market in Chinatown has been a tremendous obstacle to worldly luxury brands. It is so huge that you could also regard it one of the characteristics of Chinatown. No matter from expensive watches from Rolex, Vacheron Constantin, and Piaget, or Leather goods from Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Christian Dior, and Herme, that would only cost you a few tens of dollars to grab. With the alluring big profits, many, many more immigrants are not afraid of diving into this illegal industry. Although the police try to thoroughly and forcibly ban on that, retailers of knockoffs have developed the group-selling models in order to skillfully escape the routine checkups.

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Columbus Park is always being the resting and entertainment place to people living in Chinatown. Full of plants and flowers of Chinese tradition, there are playground, stadium, tennis court, and pavilion with an old-fashioned and cute style in the park, too. The elderly like to come play Tai Chi and other Chinese exercise of health. In the afternoon, many are gathering for playing poker, chess, or simply hanging out with friends. Some shoe and watch repairers also do their business here.

30 years ago in Chinatown, the owners of jewelry stores on Canal and Bowery Streets were all Americans, and Chinese immigrants all worked for them by doing plating or soldering jobs. Now the jewelry malls in Chinatown have lots of shops dwelled and also are widely expanded; they together make the area around Canal and Bowery Streets as the No. 2 jewelry center in the New York City. And nowadays 80% of the owners are Chinese there. The majority of diamonds come from South Africa and gold accessories are often processed in Guangdong and Shenzhen.

Americans love holidays and would make a good use of them. The peak season of traveling is usually around summertime when kids are during summer breaks and vacation time is hence longer. In Chinese communities, in addition to American's official holidays, we also celebrate traditional Chinese holidays. For instance, everyone in Chinatown would eat moon cakes on Mid Autumn Festival. Moon cakes could be made here or exported from Hong Kong, China and South Asia. Over 10 years ago, playing firecrackers were still allowed in Chinatown during the Chinese New Year and that drew many tourists to come visit. Now it's absolutely banned and kind of affects the holiday mood.

In order to cultivate the youth, the government of the United States offers all kinds of scholarships for young people to utilize for higher education pursuit. So the 2nd generation Chinese immigrants often could seize great jobs after graduating from universities of good reputation. After years' hard work, quite a few of them would establish their own business based on what they learn from those American corporations.

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The information industry has also much proceeded. And in the light of the popularity of cell phones, there are numerous cell phone stores in Chinatown and they are doing their business well. When the contracts are up with carriers, they would also hunt for new cell phones. As for international distance calls, calling cards are widely used. Let's say if you buy a \$5 calling card, you will get to talk with your family or friends in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Asia for up to 500 minutes. The price is much cheaper than home phone. Internet bars are increasing in Chinatown as well. Also lots of families purchase DVD and Karaoke equipment so as to more relaxingly enjoy themselves at home.

Since many clothing manufacturers has all been moved to China from Chinatown in New York after China's economic reform, many Chinese women were forced to change their work to survive the city. The American government has arranged a series of job training to help them snag a new job. Most of them were changed to be nursing professionals, enjoying more stable salary as well as better benefits.

The government of the United States pays attention to health care for the elderly. In this way there are more and more clinics, pharmacies, and health equipment companies in Chinatown. Those firms or organizations don't really profit from the patients, instead they receive the money from the government and health insurance companies. Particularly for families and singles of low incomes, they could receive 100% of medical fees as subsidies from the government.

Religions freedom is part of freedom that the American government grants the citizens with. Religious groups like churches or temples are also categorized into non-profitable organizations and therefore they're tax-exempted.

The September 11 attacks happened on September 11, 2001 has had a tremendous impact on the United States and the whole world. After that scary disaster, the Federal and New York City governments planned a lot of major re-construction work to bring everything to normal especially in that certain area of the World Trade Center located before. Many districts in Chinatown became disaster areas too and people living their got subsidies. Most importantly, families with low to moderate incomes could apply for free health insurance since then.

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Many Chinese tend to see the United States as a beautiful country full of gold and goods to grab everywhere. Although China, Hong Kong and Taiwan have been well developed, still quite a lot Chinese misunderstand that they would make it to be rich or for sure to realize their dreams here since America is the No. 1 super power country of the world. However as a matter of fact, the Chinese immigrants here have to endure and compromise obstacles and unfairness in order to strive to get a better life. Through giving up the stable lifestyle and coming all the way to the United States, some Chinese could make their way to be successful after 8-10 years' hard work. Still others might fail and even finally get crazy, fooling around the city every day.

The 4 major newspapers in the New York City are New York Times, Daily News, Wall Street Journal, and New York Post. World Journal, Sing Tao Daily, Ming Pao, and Qiao Bao are 4 key Chinese Newspapers, on the other hand.

Among all Chinese newspapers, World Journal is No.1 profitable with the most advertisement amounts. Sing Tao Daily is ranked at the 2nd place. The rest of them nearly all lose money, probably also because less Chinese of the 2nd generation could read through the newspapers in Mandarin.

After the late 70s, Chines sought for various ways to move to the United States after China's economic reform. So for the past 30 years, the population of Chinese immigrants has been increased by 10 times. And the number is keeping on rising up. Thus, there are Chinatowns in almost all the 50 states of America.

In recent years, food festivals have been held on Mott Streets in Chinatown during spring and fall every year. In terms of huge bucks on advertisement in advance and its taking place on weekends, that event attracts over 100,000 people every year. This year, the food festival was on Saturday, April 24. Due to a sound preparation by the organizer and the gorgeous weather, it especially drew many more tourists.

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There are 48 restaurants attending the food festival this year, setting up booths in front of their store and selling all typed of foods they're specialized in at only 2 prices: \$1 and \$2. Duck House did the best among all. Since the festival lasted for only 1 day, the utensils and equipment at all booths were just kind of too simple. Unfortunately food festivals overall didn't really assist in boosting the business of other industries in Chinatown. If however based on my Mott Pedestrian Street project, cultural and artistic activities are also included besides the food festival. In this way things would be more appealing and it would be no problem to attract 250,000 people every single day once the Mott Pedestrian Street finishes.

Flushing in Queens has been getting vigorous, but in the 50s to 70s, it actually experienced its downfall. Then in the early 80s, Korean and Chinese immigrants started to flow into this area. Since then the population of Chinese has been increased by 10 times than before. Also while more and more Chinese live in Flushing, every aspect of it is blooming. So far Flushing has turned to be the 2nd large Chinatown in New York. The center of Chinatown in Flushing is located on Main Street closed to the 45th Avenue. According to its fast developing status, flushing probably is expected to be the most prosperous Chinatown in the United States soon.

Rich Recreation, Diverse Cultural Events and Museums Everywhere

The theater culture in depth is popular and also part of the treasures of the United States. Broadway shows are playing around 42nd to 48th streets in midtown Manhattan. Some of those are famous and others could be hard to comprehend. However as for musicals, even though your English is not good enough, you would still get to enjoy and appreciate it. Broadway shows are one of very important itineraries to most tourists from Europe or whose native language is English.

Concerts are also popular in America and the main spots for those high-class performances would be the Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and Radio City Music Hall.

Regarding well-known Chinese stars, they used to come to Chinatown performing and now often go to New Jersey, Atlanta, and Connecticut after the banishment of cinemas in Chinatown.

Circus and acrobatics are showing in the United States as well. Also some musicals, shows are presented for free at the parks in summer.