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Our final morning started with an early wake-up call (for most people). Everyone came down to breakfast eagerly anticipating their day. After another hardy breakfast, students loaded their luggage on to the buses and headed into New York. We battled a little traffic (It made the 91 look like a wide open thoroughfare) on our way into the city. We were looking forward to another exciting day.

The first item of the day was a tour of the NBC Studios. We saw the sets of the Conan O'Brian Show, Saturday Night Live, and *The Nightly News*. It was incredible to see all of the things that go on behind the scenes before a show comes to life in our living rooms. A few of our students were chosen to pretend to be an anchor person and weather person. It was clearly not as easy for them as it looks.

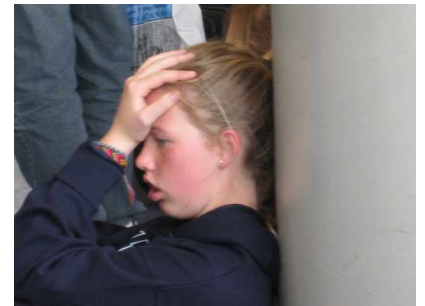
From there we spent free time on Fifth Ave. Many of the students burned through the last of their spending money. Some of the purchases included \$35 lip gloss, NBA jerseys, and a Detroit Piston water bottle. While some of the groups shopped, others went to the Top of the Rock where they saw a spectacular view of the city. Other groups happened to see to the



Presidential motorcade again since he was speaking in the Big Apple. One student commented, "I think the President is stalking us."

We reconvened after shopping and it was time to head to the airport. We split into our flight groups and headed back across the country. The group was filled with weary travelers (except for the well-rested Mr. Jorritsma) who were looking forward to catching a little *siesta* on the way home. It was a great week and *most* of us learned a ton about

our country and its proud heritage.



Quotable Quotes

"This trip was worth selling all of that cookie dough!" ~Miranda Brown

"The tour guides were amazing!" ~A parent

"I love Alf, the Tanners, and the Ochmoneks!" ~Mr. Jorritsma on the NBC tour

"I am ready to go hog-wild." ~A student getting ready to shop on 5th Ave.

"Collin did you make your mom watch 2,133 pictures?!?! (an RCS record) ~A student

"Mr. Wit, it is not fair. The other flight is delayed and our isn't." ~Kayla V.K.

"Are we there yet?" ~Many of the students on the six-hour flight