Explore 1980s NYC!



Find these objects to learn about and celebrate the art, music, and culture of the 1980s in New York City!

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1ST FLOOR

WORLD CITY

LEVEL 100



In the 'eighties many made NYC their new home From near and far they all roamed

A flyer in pink,

To teach kids and build links

To their culture, together they weren't alone

HINT

This Volume 1 flyer has a circular drawing on it.



Art that Keith Haring has drawn A dance-a-thon fundraiser, right on! A colorful poster, Who will soon dance the most-er?

Raising money to help everyone

HINT

This poster has a drawing of five colorful people dancing.

3RD FLOOR

NEW YORK, NEW MUSIC

LEVEL 300



Making music brought me to fame I picked "Cool" for my cool middle name Boombox on my shoulder, I couldn't be bolder Who took this photo, what's their name?

HINT

This black and white photo was taken in 1985.



Created from red paint that sprayed
Spelled out "Midge," my name, unafraid
On a train car,
In the Bronx—not so far!
What year was it when I was made?

HINT

There is a school bus in this photograph.



Red poster with words bright in blue About a cool party, I'll tell you! "Beyond Words" was its name, To dance was its game This party made art dreams come true

HINT

This poster advertised a party that happened on April 9, 1981.



My name starts with an M and ends with an A Singing, dancing, and performing are my forté December sixteenth nineteen-eighty-two I'm off to the Danceteria—woo hoo! How old was I on this day?

HINT

People call me by just my first name.

After you complete the scavenger hunt, stop by the North Gift Shop on the 1st Floor and get a totally tubular prize!





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Chinese Cultural Activities, Vol. 1 1977





Gay Men's Health Crisis dance-a-thon fundraising letter 1991

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NEW YORK NEW MUSIC

LEVEL 300



LL Cool J NYC 1985

Artist: Janette Beckman
Pigment print
Courtesy of the photographer
(ANSWER: Janette Beckman)



Midge, The Bronx c. 1980

Artist: Martha Cooper

© Martha Cooper

(ANSWER: 1980)



[Beyond Words poster] 1981

Artist: John Sex
Screen print
Collection of Eric Haze



[Madonna with dancers on the Danceteria rooftop] July 1983

Artist: Bob Gruen Gelatin silver print

Courtesy of the photographer

(ANSWER: 24 years old)

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