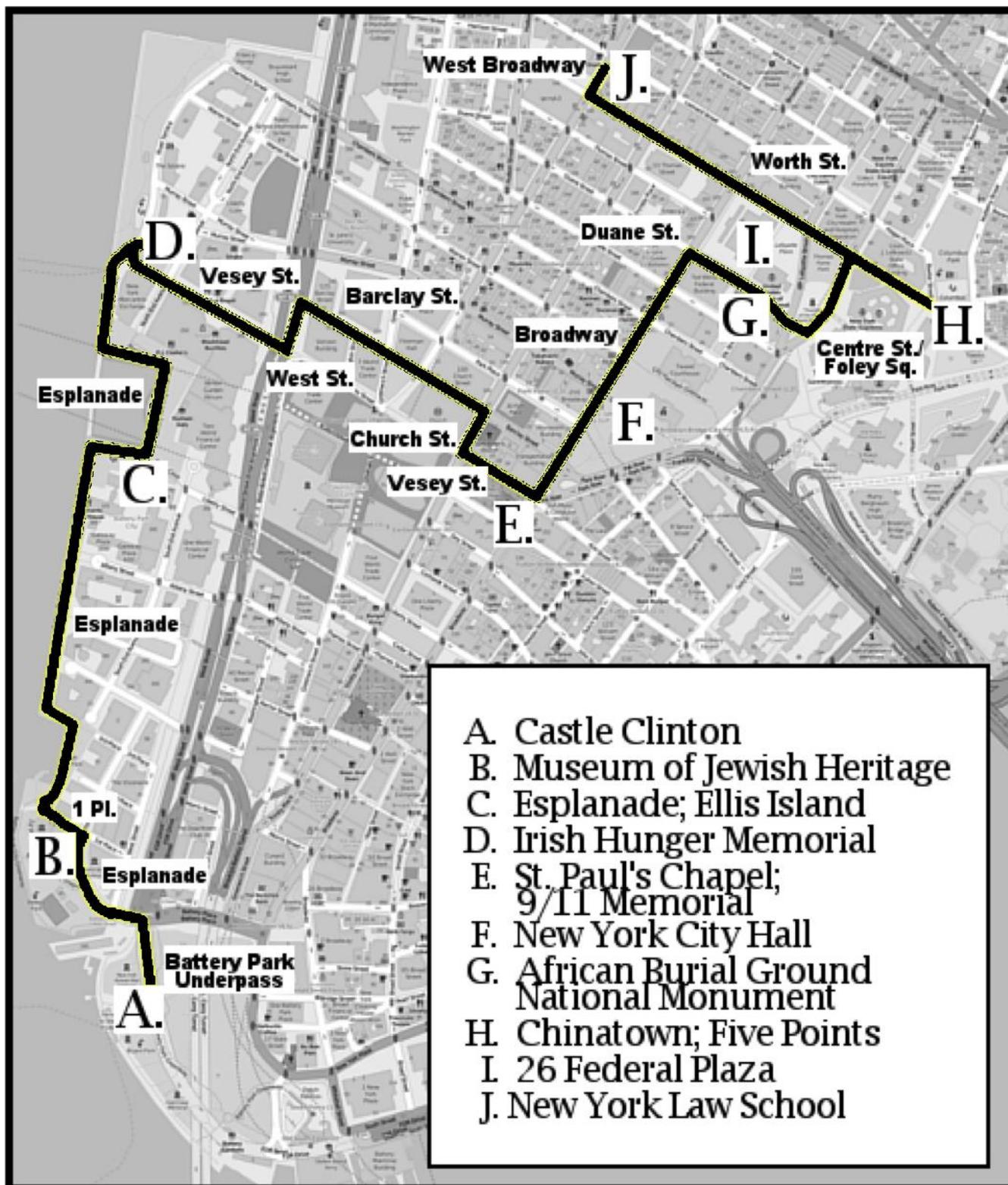




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Self-Guided Audio Tour of Lower Manhattan





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The United Nations created the International Day of the Refugee and across the world people will be gathering to learn about refugees and to raise awareness and support for vulnerable populations. This day was created to celebrate the U.S. commitment to the protection of refugees; and, to raise public awareness and funds to support representation of immigrant youth seeking protection.

Safe Passage Project

Safe Passage Project has been recruiting, training, and mentoring pro bono lawyers to aid immigrant youth facing deportation since 2006. Safe Passage Project is now at the NY Immigration Court every week and is helping over 500 youths. Many of these young people have claims based on the International Convention Protecting Refugees and others have claims for child protection under both state and federal law.

Stops on the Audio Tour

[each segment discusses the immigration history and also explores current refugee issues]

Castle Clinton: The first official immigration inspection station in the U.S.; was open from June 15, 1855 - 1892

Museum of Jewish Heritage: The New York Holocaust Museum, devoted to the history of 19th and 20th Century Jews (mostly European)

The Esplanade and Ellis Island Discussion: Millions of immigrants passed through this early immigration inspection station from 1892-1954

Irish Hunger Memorial: In memory of those who perished during the Great Hunger in Ireland from 1845-1852

St. Paul's Chapel and 9/11 Memorial: A historic chapel and a memorial to all those who lost their lives and fought to save others during and after the attacks on September 11, 2001

New York City Hall: The oldest city hall in the United States; the office of the Mayor and the Chambers of the NY City Council are located here

African Burial Ground National Monument: Site of the largest burial site of 17th and 18th century "freed" men in the north

Chinatown/Five Points: An important site in the history of Asian Exclusion and early immigration policy

26 Federal Plaza (NY Immigration Court): Refugee claims are heard; and Safe Passage Project attorneys and volunteers help immigrant youth every week

New York Law School: Home to the Safe Passage Project and its dedicated staff and volunteers; stories of children seeking protection