

NEW YORK CITY has a long history of being an incubator for innovation and new thought. *Timescapes: A Multimedia Portrait of New York* narrates the city's story through imagery and visual graphics. The video presentation inspired the compilation of these excerpts that set the stage for how New York City has become a hotbed for creative solutions. The remainder of this publication will delve into current initiatives, which embody the same level of innovation.

Adjacent is a timeline highlighting New York City's history of innovation. Below is a freeze frame of *Timescapes*. The multimedia presentation can be viewed in its entirety at the Museum of the City of New York.

1792:

Wall Street welcomed the first financial markets and investment houses with an agreement that launched the New York Stock Exchange.

Late 1700s:

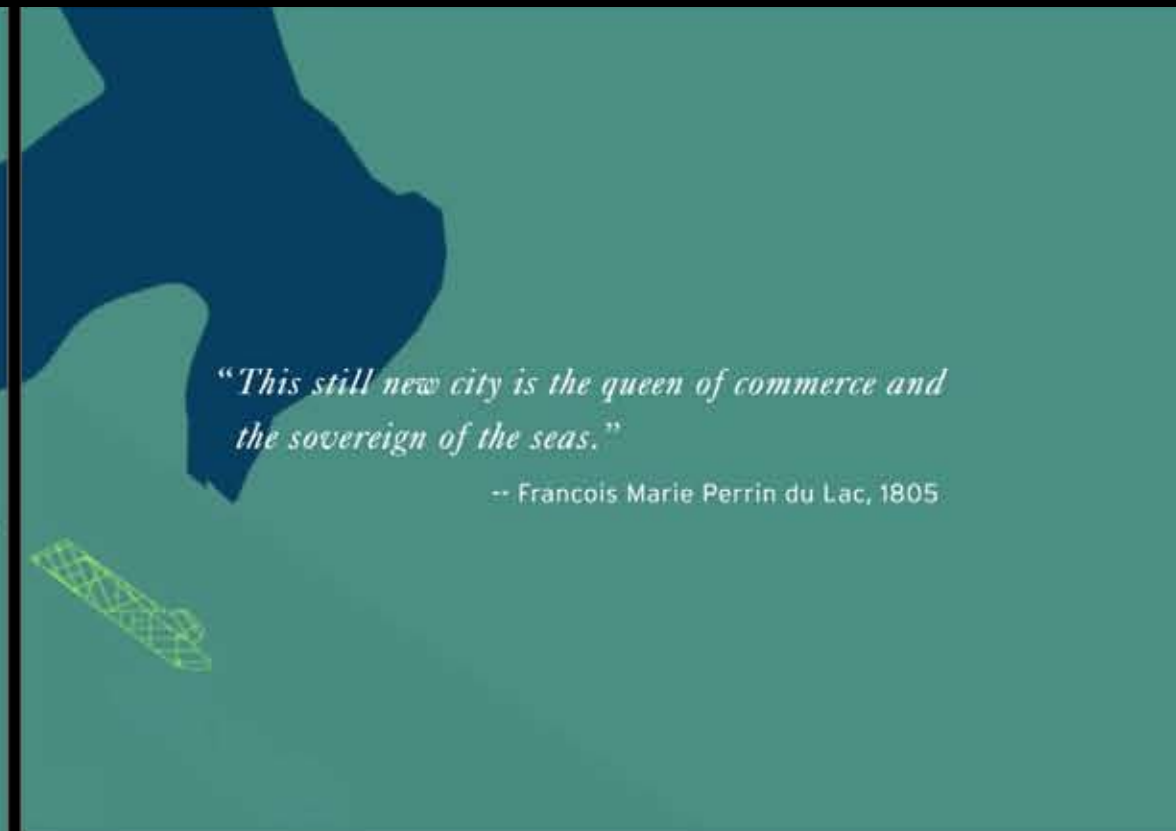
The South Street Seaport was the first port to send ships on a regular schedule, whether or not they were filled.

1811:

Mayor Dewitt Clinton proposed a strategic street grid that would support 10 times the population of the time and a need for public space, namely, Central Park.

Late 1800s:

Middle class New Yorkers moved their families uptown and to Brooklyn Heights, becoming the world's first commuters.



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