



The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street

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Questions and Activities

1. The Vanderbeekers live in a Brownstone in Harlem in New York. How are the homes in your neighborhood similar or different to where the Vanderbeekers live? What type of materials are used? How do they look? Why do you think homes look different in different neighborhoods and cities?
2. How would you describe the personality of where you live? What places showcase this personality? How are these places connected to the history of where you live?
3. Why is important for the Vanderbeekers to stay in their home and neighborhood? How are your home and neighborhood important to you and your family?
4. Laney created a game where she listens without paying attention. Try this in your own home and neighborhood. What did you learn about where you live? What details did you notice?



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