

# CHINA CROSSROADS

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**LA vs. New York:**

**Two American Professors on Why  
His Hometown is the Best**

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Most Americans tire of how New Yorkers and Angelinos talk about their hometowns, their inside references bewildering all who don't know them, inducing envy and resentment in equal measure. This talk gives them a chance to say their piece in one sitting and be done with it. New York and LA are America's two cultural capitals. Which is the best? Which is the more significant as an emblem of American culture and twentieth century cultural influence?

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