Learning Places Fall 2016SITE REPORT #1 Expanded Grand Central Terminal





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INTRODUCTION

The Grand Central is known for its trains and railroads located in Manhattan. Although I have never been here in the past, it is a great place to visit and would definitely come again. It is great place for tourists or anyone to visit and is very unique for a train station. The outer part of Grand Central looks similar to the Morgan Library's entrance. The Grand Central Station consists of a terminal known as Main Concourse and is one of the world's most visited by tourists.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos*)



As shown, this is the interior of Grand Central Terminal. This part of Grand Central is known as the Grand Concourse. These windows help with the natural lighting in the room. The clock on the left side is illustrating how time was needed for people to get on their train on time. There are also vast details that are hard to see unless looked closely. The grand concourse is very unique and nice to visit. The Grand Concourse is the center of the Grand Central Terminal and

to me is my favorite part of Grand Central. The clock on the left hand side is said to be worth 10 to 20 million and as you can tell most of the material used has been imported and is fairly expensive.



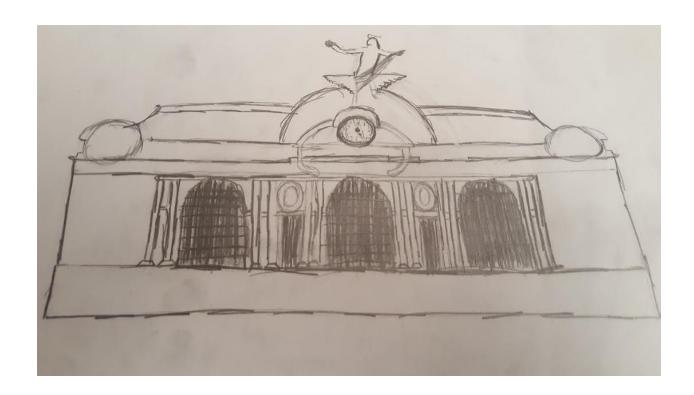
This is the outside part of Grand Central. By looking at this angle of Grand Central you can see the symmetry that is involved. You can tell that the architect wanted symmetrical oriented structures, You can also the clock with the human looking statue on top of Grand Central. The Grand Central was carefully sketched and built and is very historic. The outside is very detailed and you can tell it took many years to complete this.



This photo shows a sense of how old Grand Central without knowing. You can see where the trains passed through and how they weren't parked unlike the old train stations. This is very unique in which this part of the station is just like any other station but is actually very different from other stations. The trains that passed by were amtrak but is now only in pennsylvania.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (sketches*)

*2 sketches minimum required per site visit



This is my sketch of the outer part of Grand Central Terminal. This is probably my favorite part of Grand Central. It was quite difficult to draw this through but i enjoyed the process. The clock in my opinions brings out detail in the photo as well as the statue on top. You can see the similarities from this part of grand central to a part of the Morgan Library. The windows all represent something and each part of the building had been imported from Italy.



This is a sketch of the Main Concourse where the clock is right in front with one of the windows showing the natural lighting of the room. The clock details how much commuters needed time to get on there trains on time. Also shows how the light is reflected on the walls. The clock was said to be 10 million for each face of the clock.

GENERAL NOTES:

- Grand Central recently turned 100 years old.
- The station was built in 1900 after the depot was built in 1845.

- The main concourse or the grand concourse is the center of Grand Central.
- Grand Central North is connected to the Main Concourse.
- The golden ratio had been used for many architectural projects.
- Cornelius Vanderbilt was one of the major architects of Grand Central.

INSIGHTS/DISCOVERIES

The Grand Central station recently turned 100 years old and is very historic. The Grand Central is one of the greatest architectural structures of all time and after visiting Grand Central Terminal for the first time i came to see more than I expected and came to learn more about Grand Central. I was also able to see that there is one part of Grand Central where you can talk to one part of the wall and hear your echo on the other part of the wall. Although I wasn't at the site visit i was able to visit on my own and see a lot and learn more than what i actually knew before about Grand Central Terminal. The Grand Central had been opened 1871 and had been rebuilt in 1913. The Grand Central consists of only 2 platforms but is known to many.

KEYWORDS/VOCABULARY & DEFINITIONS

*5 keywords minimum required per site visit

Baths of Caracalla: Second largest Roman public baths built in Rome between AD 212 and 217, during the reigns of Septimius Severus and Caracalla.

Train Shed: a building adjacent to a station building where the tracks and platform of a railway station are covered by a roof.

Neoclassicism: the revival of a classical style or treatment in art literature, architecture or music Electrification: process of powering by electricity rather than another power source.

QUESTIONS for Further RESEARCH

Whats going to be different about grand central in 10 years?

- Why was the madison square garden built to replace penn station?
- What is the value of Grand Central? How much does it cost now?
- What was in the space of Grand Central Terminal before it was built?
- u what was the cost to build Grand Central and what would it have cost if it was built now?