

Learning Places Fall 2016

SITE REPORT #3

Metropolitan Museum of Art



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INTRODUCTION

“The Met” Metropolitan Museum of Art is located at 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Met museum is one of the largest museums in the world. By just looking at it, you can tell how huge is the museum. It has over 5,000 years of Art and collections. It was founded in 1870 and it was open to public since 1902. Richard Morris Hunt, Calvert Vaux and Jacob Wrey Mould were the architects of the building. They designed the building in the style of Beaux-Arts. We didn't go inside museum to see the collection they have. We just went to see the outside and “The Great Hall” of the museum, which was designed by Richard Morris Hunt Richard. We look at it from outside first. The stairs, the big pillars and the arches of the museum were put together very nicely. It gives you the feeling like you are going to enter the roman palace.

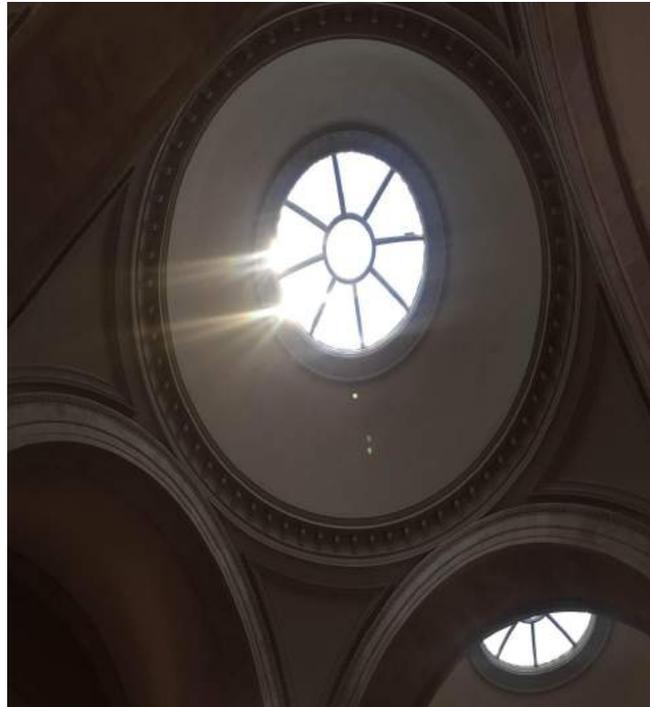
SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos)



This picture was taken on the stairs of museum, which leads to the entrance of museum. The stairs were too many and too long. Many people were sitting on the stairs in the hot weather I don't know why but I wanted to ask why people were sitting there in such a hot weather. The way stairs are made it looks like it can be theater people will just sit there and watch artists performing in front of museum. Prof Grace told us that this stairs connect museum to the city like extension.



This is the view from stairs looking towards fifth avenue although, this is not a picture of Museum but I wanted to share this picture because Prof Grace said that stairs of museum connect the city and museum they play a roll or extension to the city and museum. So I think we can see it clearly here in this picture. After seeing this view from the stairs I can guess that maybe this view attract people who were sitting in the stairs.

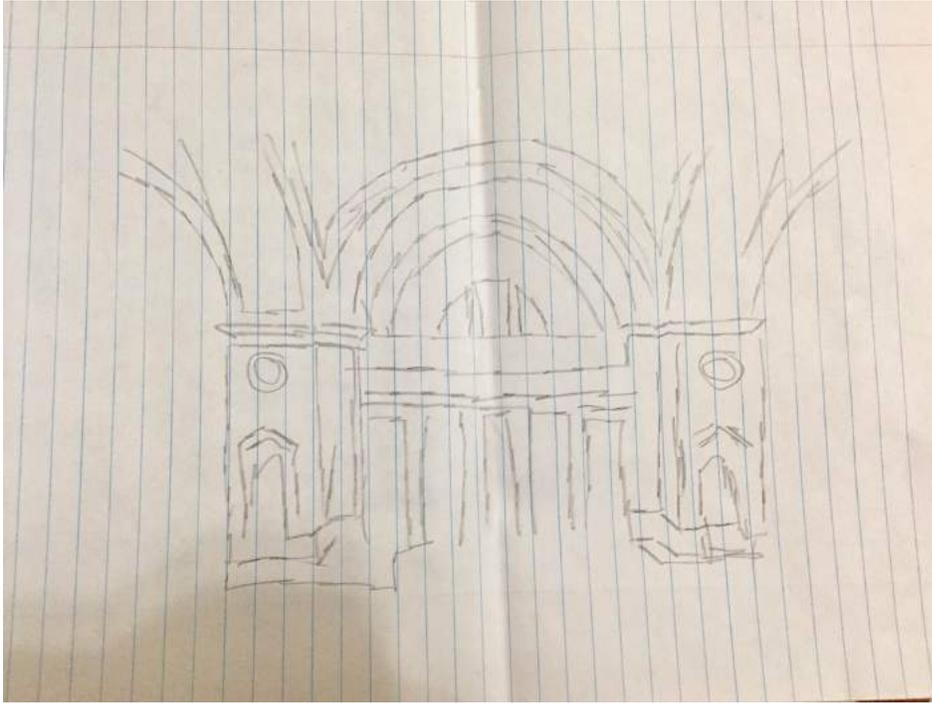


These two pictures were taken inside the great hall of the Met Museum. Looking into the arches and dome of the hall in the museum. There were 3 dome and 8 arches in the hall. The hall looked like the roman palace but in different century. Inside the hall there are information and tickets both. There are many pillars inside the hall, which are holding the huge dome and arches of the hall. The architecture of the hall in the museum looks a piece of Art itself. They way they were designed. It looks like Architects put a lot of effort in every detail of the building. The glass ceiling of the hall is look an Art too, glass in the ceiling let sunlight into the hall and when u look up at it. It feels magical; it feels like something is going to come out of the ceiling.



These two pictures were taken outside the museum. I don't know why but it feels like to me that on top of the roof look like it has faces on it but it's just the design itself. . The big space between those two pillars look like someone used to sit there as a guard and watch over the museum. The first picture was taken from the right side of the museum which has like 10 windows 3 with a triangle arches and rest of its has round arches. The left and right side of the museum have same design with arches and made as neoclassic style.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (sketch)



The sketch I made is inside the Hall, you can see the big pillars of the Hall holding the huge arches. . And above that are a balcony and a big arch. I made this sketch because I was wondering how look it took to made big arches like this. And the little detail about the design they have on it. It feels like someone draw it by hands and put it on the walls.

GENERAL NOTES:

Stairs are in urban styles, and extension to the city.

Old buildings are very formal compare to new building.

When you pass by the museum it catches your attention you can't miss the huge building in the

style of neo classic.

Every era has its own architecture style and that styles change with the time.

INSIGHTS/DISCOVERIES

I never went to any museum in New York City this was my first time going into any museum. Because I don't like visiting any museum. This trip to the museum made me interested to go visit different museums. We just went in to see the Great Hall of the museum but I wanted to go see inside the museum and to see what collections they have. And soon I will visit it again to see everything. This museum is huge you can tell by just looking at it. But I didn't know that they name the street after museum, which is called “ Museum Mile”. So you can imagine how big is the museum. The stairs of the museum was in urban style and museum itself was in very old style Beaux Art. The ceiling of the museum was vey high and has glass inside it.it gives me the feeling of Roman Empire. You can just sit there and imagine soldiers coming out from different side of the museum and king is standing in the balcony which you can see from the Hall.

KEYWORDS/VOCABULARY & DEFINITIONS

Dome; A rounded vault forming the roof the Great Hall of Museum has 3 of it, huge ones.

Arches; curving arc like patterns we can see them inside the Hall of the Museum as we enter.

Urban stairs; The museum building and the stairs are both different architecture. Stairs are more urbanized and Museum itself is build in the style of beaux art. .

QUESTIONS for Further RESEARCH

1. The architecture of the museum is just a neoclassical and beaux art styles or it has a meaning to it rather than just the style?
2. How long it took to collect the Arts that are in the museum and how did they collect it?
3. Why every historical building looks the same?