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SITE REPORT [part 1: A] Time Square



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INTRODUCTION

We went to Time Square last Friday to look at how buildings and spaces can define how we use them. The class walked as a group and took the 3 train to 42nd street. As we walked to 42nd street I can see all the big beautiful buildings and the many different ads hitch to them. There were benches for people to sit, street performers for vying for passerby attention, and many different sounds from all the surrounding area. The spaces in Time Square were created for

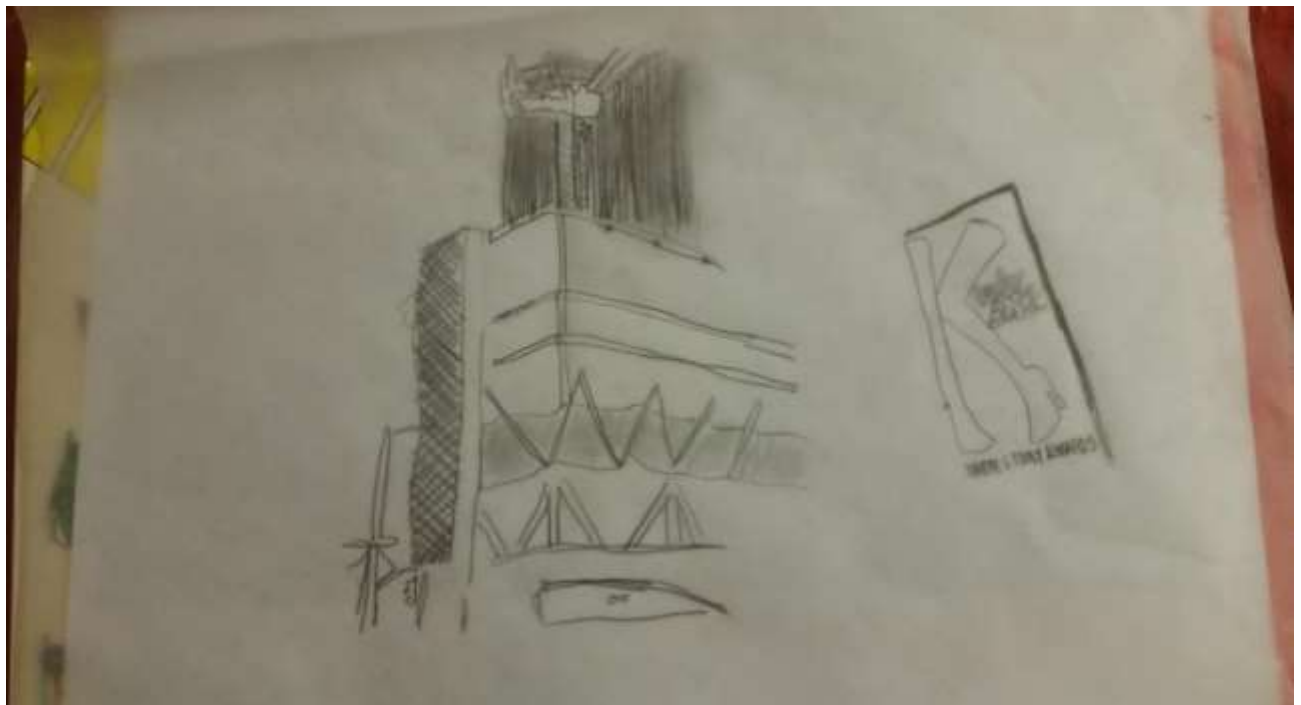
public use with corporate intention. It says you can sit but here are some ads to watch while you sitting. I believe because of this corporation are pouring money into Time Square keeping the circle of construction going.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I thought about how crowded Time Square was going to be and how people was going to be bumping into me. I wonder how many different ads are up there and did the number increases since the last time I was there. The other thing which came to mind was the topless women and if the city was able to put a stop to it. Did the area look different now that toy r us is no longer there and what new business has taken over in the space I wonder. I remember the last time I was in Time Square there was so much construction that one side of the street was hard to walk on due the large number of people. I wanted to know if construction was still going on in Time Square and how much construction. The last thing I thought about was "I hope I get to see a good street performance".

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)

Look how beautiful Time Square looks. The building have ads hitch on them. This picture has a building under construction in the middle of Time Square. You can see how the construction has become a part of the area.



The construction on this sidewalk is directing how people move and use Time Square between

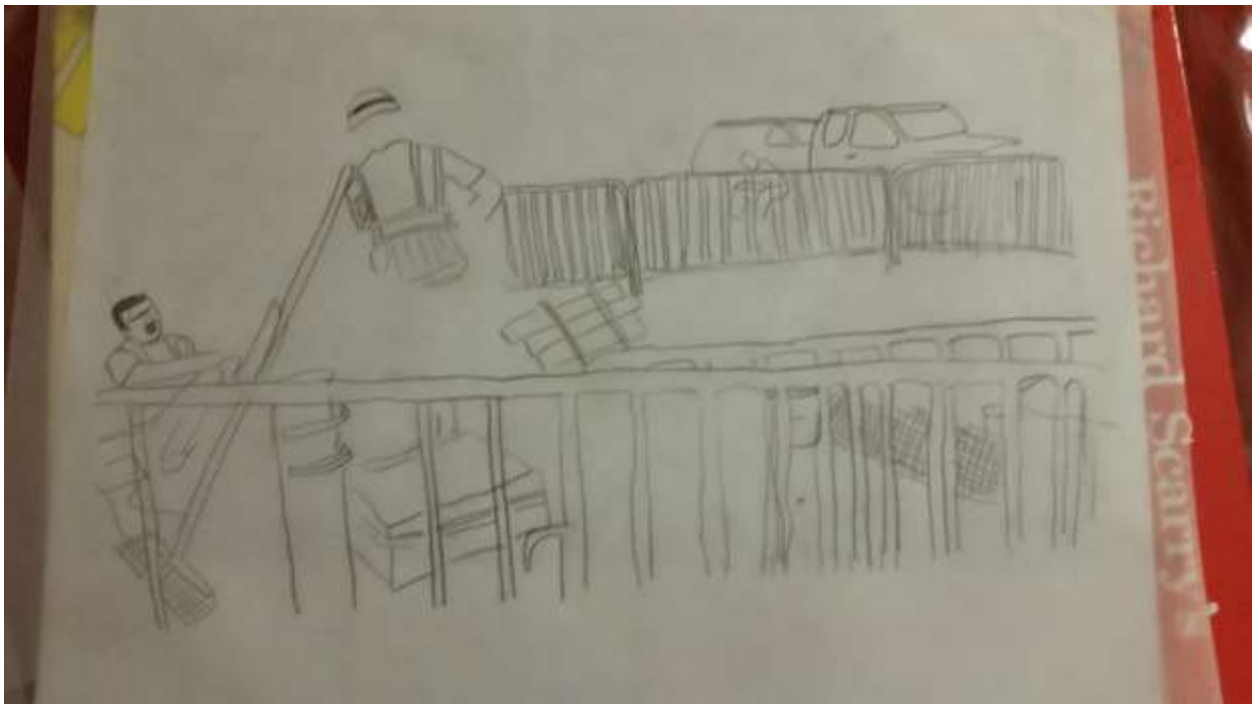
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Broadway..

street

and



These two guys are taking a break from brick laying. They told me that they were replacing the sidewalk with bigger brick which would increase the width for more sitting area.



QUALITATIVE SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Neighborhood / Street Character
 - a. Commercial
 - b. Tourist
2. Vitality of Place
 - . A lot of commercial
 - a. Big billboards
 - b. Pedestrian Activity
 - i. A lot of tourist walking, taking pictures and sitting
 - c. Vehicular Traffic
 - . A lot of traffic, Commercial, cab, personal own
3. Age of Buildings (provide evidence for prediction)
 - . 1904 New York Time Building
 - a. 1911 Hotel Claridge
 - b. 1926 Paramount Theatre
 - c. Relationship Between Buildings (urbeme)
 - d. close together and up dated xx
 - F. LED screen on almost every building
4. Building Details (historical/architectural styles, morphemes)
 - a. Commercial Building
 - b.
 - c. xx
5. Building Uses
 - Office Building
 - a. Commercial
 - b. Other Observations
 - c. Tourist
 - d. Entertainment

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Street Names	Time Square 42 street to 47 street
Street Width	

Pavement Type	Concrete with metal under create a strong bond
Building Heights	600 feet or taller
Building Widths (Window Bays)	1,844,800
Building Types/Uses	Commercial
Empty Lots / Gardens	New Constructions
Shops / Restaurants	Many retail stores and restaurants
Industrial Shops	
Other Data	
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QUESTIONS TO RESEARCH FURTHER

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1. Why is there always construction going on in Time Square?
2. Will there ever be an end to construction?
3. What is the future plan construction for Time Square?

RESEARCH METHOD/SOURCE FOR EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

1. Question 1
 - a. Time Square Alliance
 - b. NYC.GOV
 - c. Google.com
- Question 2
 - d. xx

- e. xx
- f. xx
- 5. Question 3
- . xx
- a. xx
- b. xx

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

I liked visiting Time Square. There was not as much construction as the last time I was there. The buildings look newer and updated. I learned that sketching is not my thing but tracing works just as well. I was able to look at a building construction and actually think about how buildings are build. I did not get to see a good street performance but the naked cowboy did sing for me. The Gap has taking over where Toys R Us used to be.