

Learning Places Fall 2016
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SITE REPORT [part 1: place]

Times Square



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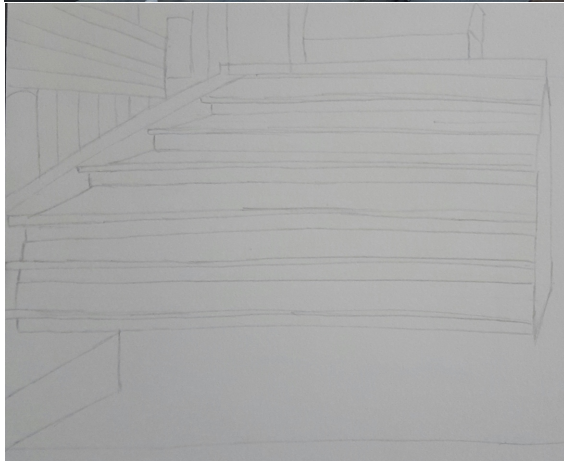
INTRODUCTION

The professor takes the entire class on a field visit, Times Square. At first, the professor acts like a tour guide to show us around Times Square. Then, she discusses about Times Square. She tells us about what the street performance and what those people are doing. A while later, all of us will take pictures and sketches of a place or a building or something that shows performance and space. Meanwhile, the professor will take a look at us individually and see how we are doing. Finally, the class ends, and we have to do a site report on this visit.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Actually, I have never been to Times Square before. Therefore, this is the first time that I go to Times Square, and I'm going with the entire class. I heard of that Times Square is popular and well-known, and it is the iconic place of New York City. I doubt that, and I'm curious why Times Square is so popular. I'm interested and want to know more about it.

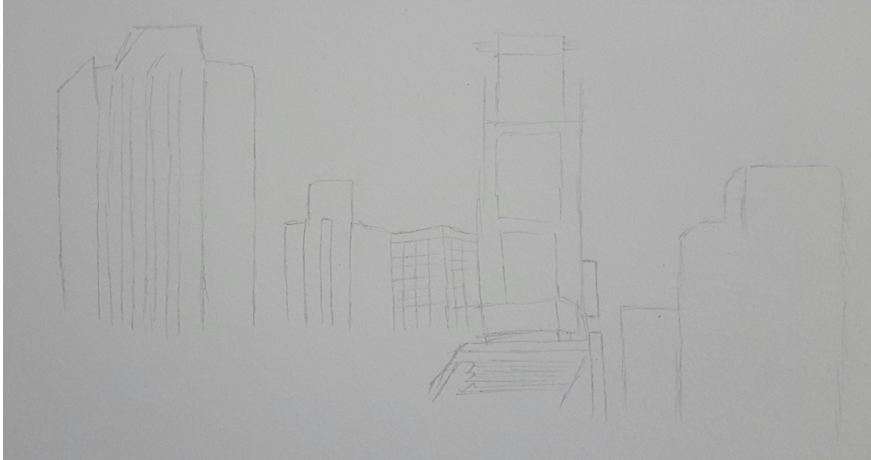
SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)



The Stair or the stage seems popular, and they are really nice and attracting. The stairs are red. Maybe it is because it uses red, so it seems iconic in Times Square. A lot of people like to sit there, relax, and enjoy the environment while looking through Times Square.



This seems it is the iconic building or place in Times Square. This place has a lot of billboard in a whole. Maybe, there's a large building behind the billboards. Also, they have difference billboards. Maybe, it is for different companies, but these companies are all in the large building that behind these billboards. There are stairs in front of the buildings. Maybe it is for tourist or people to have a place to rest and enjoy the view of Times Square. Stair or the stage seems more popular than the buildings or the billboards. Why is there a stage over here? It is very special and iconic.



This seems like an architecture sign that attracts tourist and people to take pictures. There are tons of billboards. Times Square is really an iconic place that really represents New York City. The stairs under the billboards are for tourist or people to relax, especially for people that they want to perform. The stairs act like a stage; the stage is big, so it is appropriate for people to have some street performance. That is why Times Square is so popular and well-known.

QUALITATIVE SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Neighborhood / Street Character
 - a. Popular and well-known
 - b. Iconic place represents NY
2. Vitality of Place
 - a. General Description
 - i. Iconic place
 - b. Pedestrian Activity
 - i. Street performance
 - c. Vehicular Traffic
 - i. Convenience
3. Age of Buildings (provide evidence for prediction)
 - a. Early than 1900s (from online)
 - b. xx
 - c. xx
4. Relationship Between Buildings (urbeme)
 - a. Times Square as a whole
 - b. Architecture Sign
5. Building Details (historical/architectural styles, morphemes)
 - a. Architectural styles
 - b. Modern
 - c. Fashion
6. Building Uses
 - a. Commercial
 - b. Entertainment
7. Other Observations
 - a. Crowd of people
 - b. A lot of street performance
 - c. Broadway shows and theaters

QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Street Names	7Av West 42nd to West 47St
Street Width	Polygon shape
Pavement Type	Crowd of people
Building Heights	500 foot tall
Building Widths (Window Bays)	
Building Types/Uses	Broadway Shows, Theater, Entertainment Industry
Empty Lots / Gardens	None
Shops / Restaurants	Numerous shopping places and restaurants
Industrial Shops	None
Other Data	50 million visitors annually
Other Data	LED screen

QUESTIONS TO RESEARCH FURTHER

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the architect?
2. How did the architect come up with the idea of the building?
3. What is the stage for? Why are they using red instead of other colors?

RESEARCH METHOD/SOURCE FOR EACH QUESTION ABOVE:

1. Question 1
 - a. Wikipedia
 - b. newyorkarchitecture.info
 - c. nyc-architecture.com
2. Question 2
 - a. Wikipedia
 - b. architectmagazine.com
 - c. nytimes.com
3. Question 3
 - a. Wikipedia
 - b. architectmagazine.com
 - c. nytimes.com

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Times Square is amazing, and I love it. I will visit several more times and try to enjoy the surroundings. This is the first time I have been to Times Square, so I am really open my mind and to explore New York City. The feeling that I have is that I really getting out of my comfort zone and going to places that will make me learn more and grow up faster. Times Square is really a place that represents New York; that's why people love to visit. I will be there again.