

Learning Places Fall 2016

# LIBRARY / ARCHIVE REPORT

## New York Public Library



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### INTRODUCTION

With approximately 53 million resources, the New York Public Library is the second largest public library in the United States, and the fourth largest worldwide. It is managed by nonprofit organizations, with private and public financing.

### PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

PRIOR to site visit, I am planning to research these two questions in our project:

- What was the demographic of Lincoln Square neighborhood?
- How was the housing condition of the neighborhood?

## SOURCES found

Project FIND Survey, 1956.

Hart-Krivatsy-Stubee Survey, 1957.

## DOCUMENTATION of site & resources (maps/archival documents/ photos)



The photo shows the housing condition of Lincoln Square in 1956.



The photo shows the social character of Lincoln Square in 1950s.

## DISCOVERIES

### Neighborhood History

- Mostly African-American
- In a deteriorating state

### Key Events / Historical Dates

- Urban Renewal Project
- 1960

### Key Players

- Robert Moses

### Relationship Key Players

- Committee on Slum Clearance

### Public Perception of Key Events

- Proposed it would destroy the neighborhood

- Against the event
- Protest

#### Important Changes to Neighborhood

- Becomes a center of world's largest performing arts
- Cultural destination

#### TOPICS & KEYWORDS

San Juan Hill neighborhood

Moses' Committee on Slum Clearance

Deterioration

### QUANTITATIVE DATA for Area of Study

Subject	Data
Land ownership	Government
Number of blocks	Approximately 10
# of Buildings on a Typical Block	
Materials	Cement
# of Stories of Buildings	
Residential Bldgs	80%
Empty Lots	-
Commercial Uses	
Industrial Uses	
Other data	

#### QUESTIONS to Research Further

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- Was there any job allocation sorted for those San Juan hill tenants who were displaced?

- Other than the law, did anybody fight for the justice of the tenants?

#### SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

From this report and the research topic, I learned about many fascinating facts about the people used to live in Lincoln Center. In addition, I got to know the living condition of 1950s in the area.