

Learning Places Fall 2015

SITE REPORT

DUMBO & Farragut Houses



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INTRODUCTION

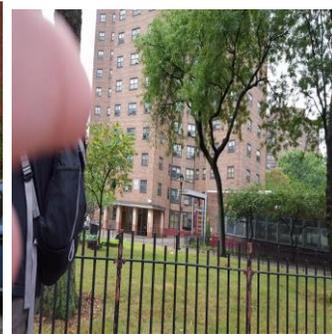
We had the pleasure to create these sketches and takes photos of unique buildings during our visit of DUMBO and the Farragut houses in the Vinegar Hill in Brooklyn. We walked around a few blocks looking at the architecture and the history trying to figure out which building were the oldest and the purpose for why it was built on the location. It really felt like we went back in time when we saw some of the buildings and the roads.

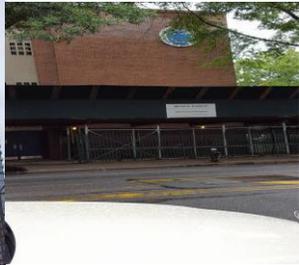
PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I haven't heard of the Farragut houses before today and I walk around New York a lot so I'm excited to find out new information on new locations. I'm also learning more about my city during tours with my company at Gray line New York City Sightseeing , where the tour guys really know there history of New York. So I'm excited to find out more about the history of Brooklyn. I love the details in old buildings. I lived in projects before and I know a bunch of friends and family members who also live in the projects now. So I doubt I'll be surprise with what we'll see, but who knows because all projects locations are not the same. Some projects are really clean and the neighbors are nice and some really aren't. I haven't been to this location before but I'm excited to find out something new. I hope we find out the actual meaning of the projects because I tried to do some research and got stuck with the story about the immigrants moving to NYC. We're supposed to bring cameras and sketch books and my drawing skills are pretty alright, but I'm excited to see what we end up drawing and learning today...

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)









SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. You can tell by the street sign color being brown or green telling you which street had a historic monument and for which is new
2. The Farragut Houses look like the 50s New York City housing project construction.
3. Some streets near Vinegar Hill had historic street most brick
4. You can see where the road was cut off near the projects
5. I didn't notice to many of supermarkets or stores around
6. The area near the projects was maintained

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Date completed	April 30, 1952
Number of buildings	10
Height of buildings	13 and 14 stories
Number of apartments	1,400
Number of residents	3,450

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. Why place the projects here? Crime rates?
2. What is the population? Economic?
3. What School is here? How old is the building?

HYPOTHESIS:

1. Maybe it was placed there because it was near the Navy
2. Could be African American and Hispanic, Poor/ middle class
3. Looked like it could be a Middle school because they had a playground in the back

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

I enjoyed my visit to Vinegar Hill & the Farragut Houses, but not so much the walking. I was pretty surprised in how cleaned they kept the projects. Bumped into a few neighbors from the neighborhood for example that one lady who insist of us standing on her property and yelling to us to get away and from the young man who lived in the projects that was friendly and just observing at what we were looking at when we passed by his home. I'm hoping next time we go it isn't raining so we can have a different perspective on how the neighbors are in the projects for example if they like to come out and play basketball or in the playground. I'm also excited to sketch more historic buildings.

REFERENCES TO EXPLORE HYPOTHESIS

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