

Learning Places Fall 2018

# SITE REPORT #1

## Barclays Center



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### INTRODUCTION

The principal site, destination or endpoint was the Barclay Center located at the Atlantic Avenue next to the renamed Atlantic Avenue-Barclay Center subway station and directly above the Long Island Rail Road's Atlantic Terminal. This indoor arena is home for multi-purposes, a future residential and business

complex known as the Pacific Park. We were taken to Barclays Center from two different paths to see a different perspective.

## SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos\*)



This picture was taken around Fulton Mall. It shows importance to me because even though most of the shopping places are old, they are being kept and/or renew. While we were walking there, I saw the marks on some of the buildings that one existed next to the actual building.



Here in this photograph of the Telephone Building can contrast the other new buildings in Brooklyn. The Telephone Building has a better and more define structure from brick to brick whereas the newer buildings where less people have invested on its construction.



Brooklyn has a new “haircut,” the face of Brooklyn is becoming high raised buildings, tenements are disappearing due to economic growth; tourist are coming to visit the Barclays Center therefore, restaurants and hotels are opening up.

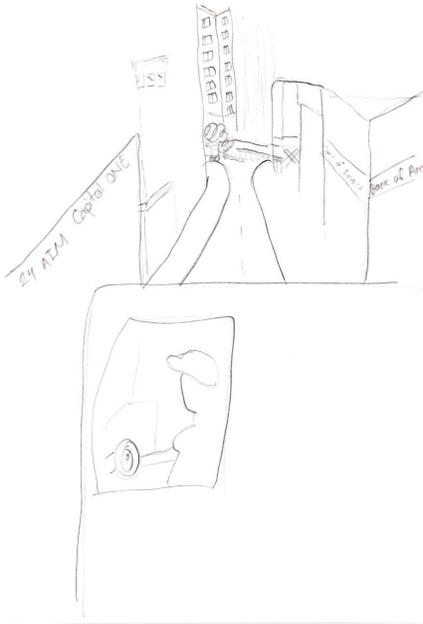


During the

second site visit, we saw a change, no high raised buildings and a lot of trees around the streets that felt

like it was next to a park. Few or no traffic was around there, people mostly traveled by bike or walked to the train station.

## SITE DOCUMENTATION (sketches\*)



My first sketch showed how busy is around the Fulton Mall. Predominantly of bus transit. It is so busy right there that a pigeon got killed while we were sketching the place.



And finally the site visit sketch, the most famous arena in Brooklyn. It's the new version of the Madison Square Garden in Manhattan.



This sketch is about a building from the second site visit, the tenements were not too high and they were mainly build with brick and very few with wood. It also had a different looking as other repeatable tenements. The outside structure of this tenement stood out from the others.



This sketch is from a building that is in front of Jay Street-MetroTech Station, that is one of the oldest buildings that is preserved beautifully and that distinguishes itself from the

newers.

## GENERAL NOTES:

- A park is getting constructed at Brooklyn Point by Albee Square.
- Most or all of the old buildings had no firecase stairs.
- The reflecting glass during the 70's was there in order to reject the sunlight from entering the house.
- Our City Tech building has a Party Wall.
- A lot of Churches were mostly around at every corner.

## INSIGHTS/DISCOVERIES

From this site visit I have learned that different paths towards the same endpoint can tell you different stories and different views. The first walk was noisy, high raised buildings, less trees, more people

walking around the area whereas on our second trip, the ambiance was calm, a lot of tenements, few shops, and more trees. The housing was primarily built by bricks and wood, basically every house had the same structure.

## **KEYWORDS/VOCABULARY & DEFINITIONS**

**Party Wall:** is a wall common to two adjoining buildings.

**Cornice:** is an ornamental molding around the wall of a room just below the ceiling.

**Common Bond:** A pattern of brickwork in which every third, fifth, sixth, or seventh course consists of headers, and the other courses consist of stretchers.

**Running Bond:** A masonry bond involving the placing of each brick as a stretcher and overlapping the bricks in adjoining courses.

**Scale:** is the size of an object.

**Bond Pattern:** is the arrangement of several courses.

**Brownstone:** is a brown Triassic-Jurassic sandstone which was once a popular building material.

**Lintel:** is a structural horizontal block that spans the space or opening between two vertical supports.

**Storeys:** the space in a building between two adjacent floor levels or between a floor and the roof.

**Settlement:** is a structure that refers to the distortion or disruption of parts of a building due to unequal compression of its foundations.

## QUESTIONS for Further RESEARCH

1. Who brings the change to the city?
2. Can the change be stopped?
3. Will Brooklyn become a new Manhattan within a few years?