

Learning Places Fall 2019

SITE REPORT #3

Borough Hall

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SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. What are some general observations about the character of this place? What does it remind you of? How does it make you feel?

Some general observations that I was able to see this place is very populated. Almost every direction you look, you will always see people walking. People are always moving and it

can get very busy. In front of the Brookly Borough Hall, there are a large amount of chairs and tables for people to sit and have a meal. And even on some days, there are people performing here, like singing or dancing. The seats and tables are all color coded, giving this part of the space, a little bit of a fun personality, that give off good vibes. Another general observation about Borough Hall, is that it is surrounded by huge skyscrapers. Even though, I myself don't live in the city of with any big buildings around, I'm not used to this type of atmosphere. However, when seeing the huge buildings, it reminded me of my job. I work in Manhattan, near 14th - Union Square. I don't really ever go into the city, only really when I have work, and seeing all of the buildings at Borough Hall did kind of remind me of Union Square. Both locations, there is a big wide open space to relax and take a breath, while also being surrounded by skyscrapers.

2. How does this place and its architecture relate to your performance? Think about the social meaning of the space (eg. civic, recreational, retail, etc).

In Borough Hall, the architecture is really something else. The one that stands out the most, at least in my opinion, is the Brookly Borough Hall. This piece of architecture is visually stunning. It has the appearance of a courthouse, and it looks like the was made by the Greeks, or Romans. It is very unique and pleasant, even just looking at it. But there are also huge buildings, all around the space. I almost felt a bit "pressured", that were there huge buildings around me, and then I'm just a small spec compared to them. When doing our performance, the architecture can relate to our performance, because one of our members is going to be a building. The building is going to be up against, "Mother Nature", by trying to damage it. This building is supposed to represent the government, and how little they care, when it comes to carbon pollution. The architecture that will relate to our performance will, not only be the buildings itself, but also the Brookly Borough Hall. With our performance, they could understand that there is very little action towards carbon pollution, and they can see that the "enemy" is right in front of us, sitting in their offices, making no action or process, into this problem.

3. Discuss the program of this space. How are people meant to interact with one another and with the environment?

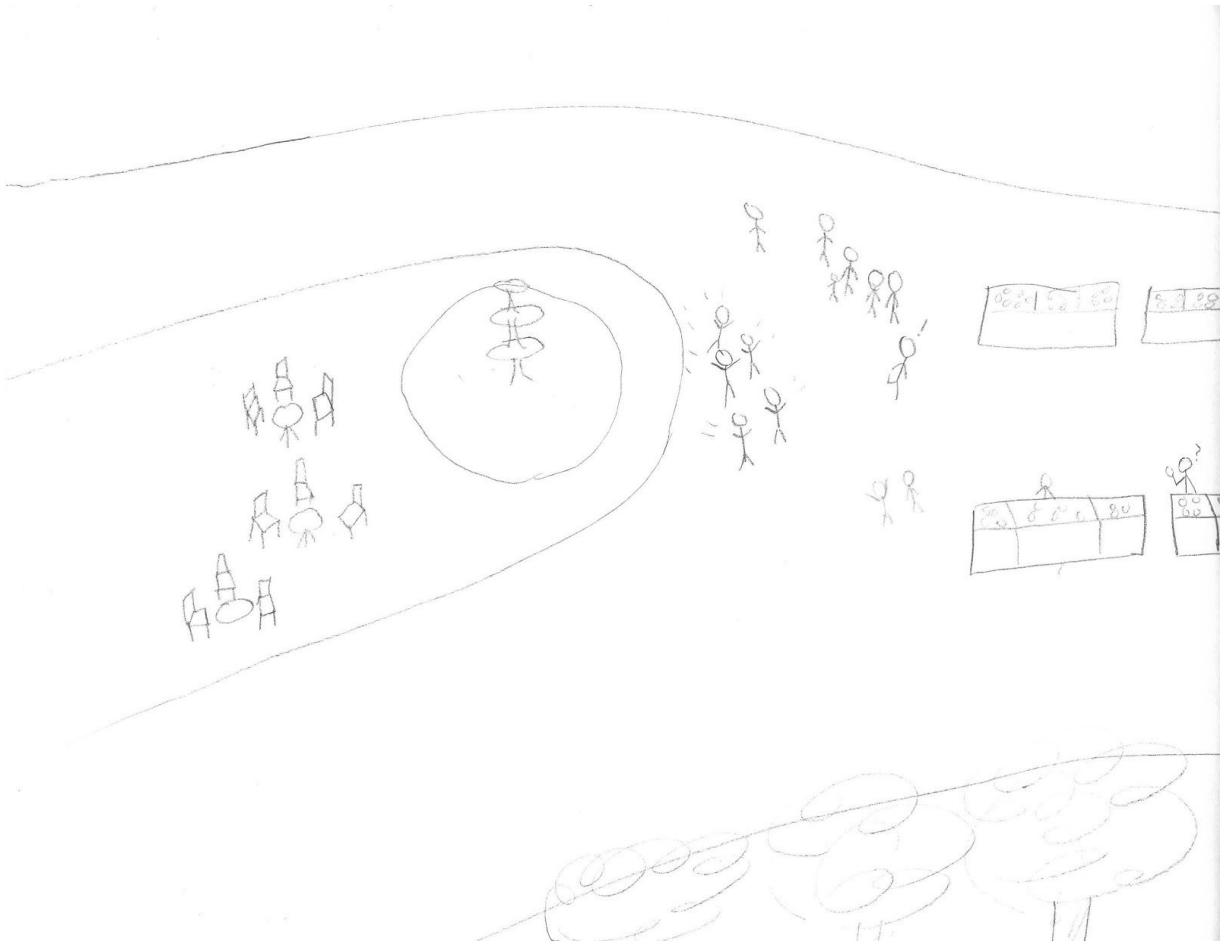
At Borough Hall, I believe that the program of the space is to let people take a breath, and relax. I believe this is the case, because throughout the whole space, there are benches, chairs, and even tables. They are placed there, because almost every since minute, there are always people walking. They could have been going home, going to work, going to hang out. The seats are there for people to take a minute and calm down, and enjoy the moment. In Borough Hall, there are also quite a bit of nature around. The green area of Borough Hall, is there to help make the people's experience more relaxed. The tall green trees, with some green grass all around, helps embrace the feeling more. This particular space is meant for people to socialize. They are meant

to interact with only with one other, while also having some environment, to help define the space. For example, in front of Brooklyn Borough Hall, there are a lot of chairs, spread out. Each table has about 3 or 4 chairs around there, likely meant for people to sit here with their friends, and family, and even meet new people.

4. Describe some of the activities that people are currently engaged in. How might they interact with or respond to your performance when it is staged?

At Borough Hall, there are many different types of people, and each of them are different activities. For example, the main activity that people are doing is walking. This is a pretty busy space, and people are always on the move. Some other activities that people are doing at Borough Hall is sitting down and having lunch. This means to a pretty normal thing to do, since I see a good amount of people doing it, almost every side time I pass by here. Another activity that people do is shopping in the Greenmarket. It only appears every Thursday, but when it does appear, it is packed. They are shopping, and checking out all the tents, seeing what they like the best. Even though it doesn't always appear, another activity that *does* happen, is people performing. Some have small performances, showing off their talents, to the audience, that are people having lunch. This is how we plan on interacting with people. Since people are used to performances here, doing our performances here can interact with our audience more. When they plan our game in front of the audience, it can attract more people into playing.

5. Draw a ground plan of your space with the performance site and audience clearly defined in your drawing.



QUESTIONS for FURTHER RESEARCH. These should follow directly from your analysis section and be complex and specific enough to serve as the basis of a research project.

Questions should relate to information you will incorporate into your performance and/or share with audience members.

1. Question?

Why is there such a lack of support for reducing carbon pollution?

2. Question?

How has carbon pollution multiple our future?

3. Question?

How much money is being put in carbon pollution reduction in NYC.

FURTHER RESEARCH

Choose and **revise** one of your research questions for further research. Refine your question following from examples that we've discussed in class.

Revised Research Question:

What approaches/methods can be used to reduce carbon footprint.

Find and cite 2 sources that address your question in [MLA format](#). Respond to the questions below.

CITATION 1:

Bain, Evie. "Environmental Health 101: Your Carbon Footprint." *Massachusetts Nurse Advocate*, vol. 80, no. 2, Feb. 2009, p. 11. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=37019246&site=ehost-live.

Why did you select this source? How does it address all or part of your research question?

I chose this source because it shows the author's own version of their carbon footprint. They were showing their own carbon footprint and how they were reducing it. Then they show how we can reduce our own carbon footprint. They give a list that normal everyday people can do to reduce our footprint by going on a website called, <https://www.carbonfootprint.com/>.

Is the source credible? Why or why not?

I believe that this source is a credible source because it is from Current Science. Current science is an academic journalism. They published information about science, coming from a wide range of authors, and this source is one of them.

CITATION 2:

Ripka, Livia Albeck-. "How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint." *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 2017,
www.nytimes.com/guides/year-of-living-better/how-to-reduce-your-carbon-footprint.

Why did you select this source? How does it address all or part of your research question?

I chose this source because the article itself does give a lot of information when answering my question. The article itself actually give *a lot* of information and examples to the readers on how we can actually reduce carbon pollution and our own footprint itself. She provides examples that we can do at home, and outside in the real world.

Is the source credible? Why or why not?

I believe that this source is quite credible because of the author. The author of this article is Livia Albeck-Ripka. She is an author writes a lot about climate change, and environmental issues. She has a master degree and has written in several other publications. She has experience writing in this type of field, so I'm pretty sure she knows what she talking about.

What further information would you need to answer your question? Where would you look for additional sources?

Some related information that would help answer my question would be which state in the U.S. has the most and least about of carbon pollution. This can help me because we can see what some states are doing good for reducing carbon footprint, and what others are doing that make it worse, and I would look in records that the government has.