

Learning Places Summer 2016

SITE REPORT #1

A Grand Terminal



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INTRODUCTION

The Grand Central Terminal lives up to its name as a Grand Central Terminal. Its architecture structure conveys many beautiful things all at once. It is almost like a mix of a roman church, along with an elegant fancy ballroom. It brings many visitors everywhere because of its mysteries, beauty, secrets

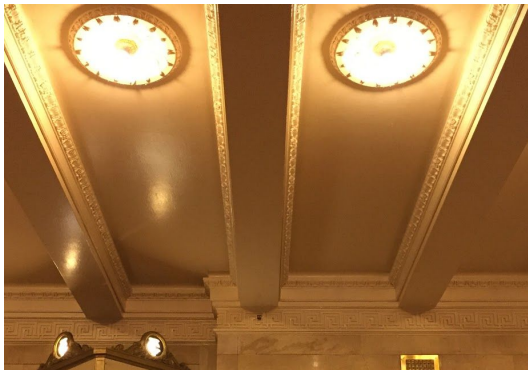
and History.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches/notes)



I think this picture is important because it gives you a bird-eye view of Grand Central Terminal, Although you can not see many of the important details it is certainly a view many people will not be able to take. It shows the 3 massive windows which stand on each side to enable natural light to light

up the Terminal. There are three large windows of each side.

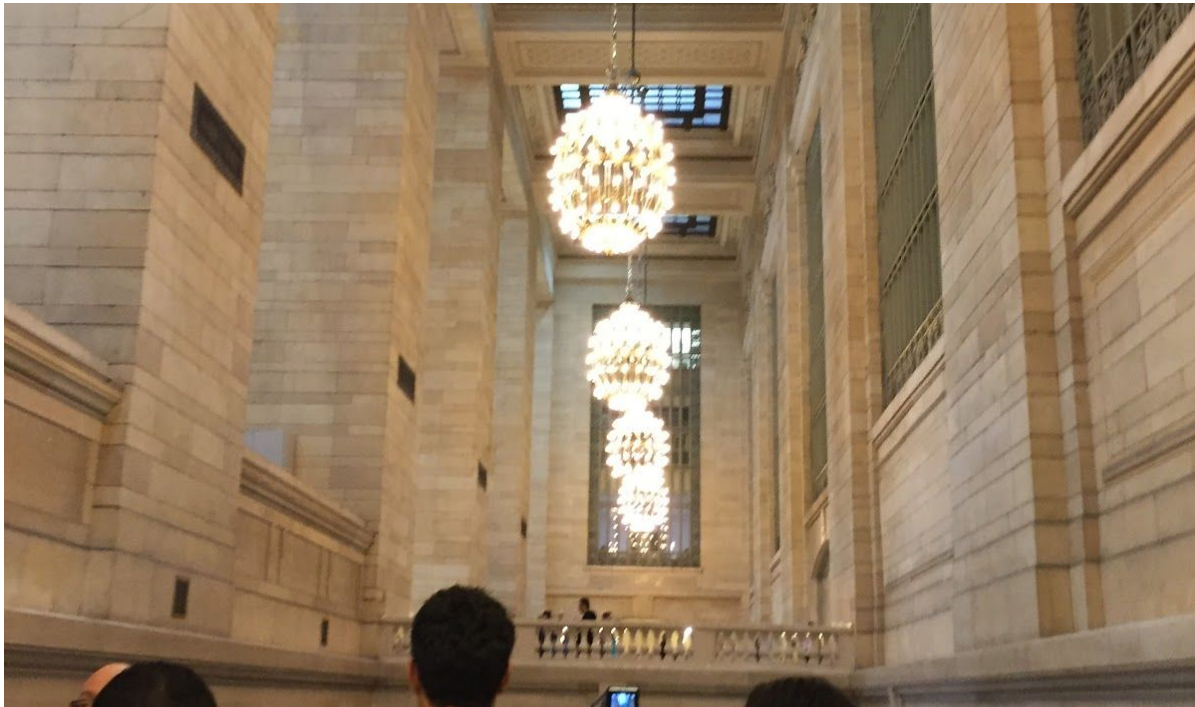


One of the things that I noticed when I visited Grand Central Terminal is the smooth marble that landscape most of the walls. Not only is it a pretty beige color but it reflects the lights everywhere as if it is a mirror. Even if you are not looking directly at the lights, you will see lights. That along with the light colors makes it look golden, and golden can symbolize wealth. As you see in this picture and in most of the pictures that I have, the light reflects off of the marble. Also the design on top of where it says 108 track 107 looks as if it is leaves with vines which can be seen throughout Grand Central Terminal.



In this picture it shows the area where it captures sound waves. One person will stand in one corner (underneath the vanderbilt avenue sign) The other person will stand on the other side. When you talk, although other people can not hear it the two people in the diagonal corner will hear each other. I think that is pretty cool. It adds to the mysteries of Grand Central Terminal. Which attracts many visitor's, our tour guide stated they are not sure how it was discovered or if it was intentional which makes it more mysterious. Also although there is no signs to

show people of the “tip and trick” many people were trying it, as if they were doing there research on Grand Central Terminal before hand.



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This picture shows this pretty drop down light that are surrounded by many lights, if you stand from where I was standing it seems like they are placed carefully on top of each other but they are not, from looking at it from the main concourse they are leveled the same. This part showed on the right, and left side of the main concourse. Also on top of it shows more windows, I believe it was to show off the amazing designs and to be able to combine natural light and light together., making it brighter and more alive. Also it is use of common geometric shapes without being overwhelming in a negative way.

I believe this is a dragon, it is shown a lot through the corridors, I believe a liken to mystical creatures were taken because in the mural that is shown on the ceiling in the main

concourse, it also portrayed mystical creatures. Although I can not tell if the dragon is biting himself or grooming himself, it is pretty awesome to see versus the common lion and eagles we saw on other infrastructures the day of our walk around brooklyn heights.



1. Shows the lights illuminating from the marble.
2. Shows the leaves and vines.
3. Large window



This shows my favorite experience, the mural that is painted on the Ceiling.

DISCOVERIES

I discovered a lot of things about Grand Central Terminal that I would have never known about if it was not for this class. I never really went to Grand Central Terminal although I am from New York. I discovered that the mural that is painted on the ceiling of Grand Central Terminal was reported to be painted backwards. I also discovered that a missile was placed in the middle to be shot out of the ceiling and that is why there is a black hole in the ceiling. Also the mural used to be black because back in the days it was allowed for someone to smoke in public places and restaurants. The smoke made the ceiling black until it was finally cleaned up.

Another discovery was the Clock located on top of the information booth. I honestly did not think it was that special until I heard that it was made of opal and is worth more than 10 millions dollars. Also in the information booth is a secret door that leads downstairs in a spiral staircase. In the picture labeled 3B I discovered that the staircase which is located on each side is not the same exact size and it was an accident. Only one staircase was constructed with Grand Central Terminal and then later on another one was made to match it although it ended up I believe an Inch difference.

Another discovery that I made was the importance that the Grand Central Terminal made on

9/11. Having to bring all trains back to the Terminal to ship out all of the people that were stranded and having done so in such a constructive manner is very interesting.

My favorite discovery is the secret passages that Grand Central has, I think it explores everyone's curiosity. When our tour said the elevator was enough to fit the president's limo made me visualize

KEYWORDS

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Grand Daddy Clock

9/11

Natural light

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