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Summary

The essay “The Brooklyn Bridge” by Phillip Lopate is about how unique and beautiful the Brooklyn Bridge means to him. He tells us how it’s the place you get to see the whole city for free ad how inspirational the bridge is for so many people. He also tells us how many poets feel about the bridge. Like Alan Trachtenberg, who says “For Many Americans in 1883, Brooklyn Bridge proved the nation to be healed of its wounds of civil war and gain on its true course: the peaceful mastery of nature”. This shows the success and beauty of this ridge. Lopate feels as the Brooklyn Bridge is the oddest out of all grand monuments because it’s purely functional. The Brooklyn Bridge is well known for its immigrant roots as well as the connection between Brooklyn and Manhattan. Lopate surely reminds us of its significance and beauty through his powerful vocabulary.