Assignment: Selecting a Walking Tour Stop
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In your last essay, you explored locations that represented overlapping New Yorks in close proximity to City Tech. Your exploration no doubt revealed locations worthy of further attention that should be seen and understood by others on a walking tour like the one we took earlier this semester.

For this assignment, you must choose a location, develop a research question to pursue, and develop a thesis-driven argument about what you learn that can be the information provided at a stop on our next walking tour.

Your well-developed essay of approximately 900 - 1200 words should interest your audience -- your classmates, Telling Brooklyn Stories professors, and BHS staff -- and should focus on a location within walking distance of City Tech (although it’s up to you to decide what that means, keep in mind how far your classmates will be willing to walk!).

Using relevant, reliable sources from the library databases, the internet, and books that are available to you, as well as your observations, use your focused research to tell your location’s story, and identify what in the location’s story makes it a worthwhile addition to the tour.

Due Dates

Identify the location and research question in a blog post: 11/7

Revised research question and draft of a thesis statement: 11/12

Outline your essay on the OpenLab: 11/14

Present your ideas to the class: 11/14

Write a Works Cited list according to MLA format: 11/19

Draft of essay due: 11/21

Get feedback from your classmates: 11/21

Submit the final version of your essay: 11/26 at 11:00 on Dropbox.com