

MAD 2021

Urban Studies 12

E1A: Where the Streets All Have Names

Due: February 25, 2021

Name: _____

Synopsis:

Streets, highways, freeways. These connect us from place to place, but they also help us get around the places we live in- but where have they come from and what effect can these thoroughfares have on how we live and how we live. We depend on them, we fix them, we build them, we maintain them.

Facts:

1. Ford Motor Company pushed for a highways system to be developed in the U.S.
2. Salt Lake City - Streets are 132 ft wide, only 30 secs to cross as a pedestrian, and was designed by the head of the Mormon Church, Joseph Campbell. 'Enough room to turn a wagon around and not curse'
3. Mega blocks in Barcelona, Spain were originally in small blocks, but with the need to accommodate pedestrians, particularly during COVID19, people needed to get outside, so they needed space and cut off regular traffic in certain streets, creating mega-blocks that could have outdoor cafes in former streets, and shops.

Important concepts to cover:

1. Large highways dividing major areas
2. Medium highways dividing neighborhoods
3. City streets create blocks
4. Centering on natural features in a city, like a park, river, lake, forested area
5. Incorporation of trails for outdoor recreation and transportation, such as running or biking
6. Available services or shops in a neighborhood
7. Colleges and universities in the city
8. Bus and light rail transportation
9. Chiq, or unique areas of a city, either ethnically-based, or interest-based, such as theatre

What to do:

1. Draw a city on a sheet of paper in pencil, incorporating downtown with tall buildings, neighbourhoods, malls, airports on 11x17 paper
2. Make sure to include a geographic feature, like the ocean, mountain, river, lakes, etc. that are near to the city, or cut through it.
3. I will begin to give a series of changes to your city that can affect the way people live there

