

Ways of Seeing the City

- What are the visible signs of change in cities?
- How can we measure the form of cities?
- How do the underlying values of the observer influence what is observed?

Urban Design and Development results from the interaction among:

- **Culture:** who is there?
- **Structure:** what things are there already?
- **Rules:** what can or cannot be done?
- **Program:** what kinds of new things are needed?
- **Vision:** how can we get there?

Today, we are developing techniques for measuring:

- **Culture:** who is there?
- **Structure:** what things are there already?

Allan Jacobs helps us address
what kinds of questions about
urban places?

A Walk Around the Block

“A Visit to the Suburbs”









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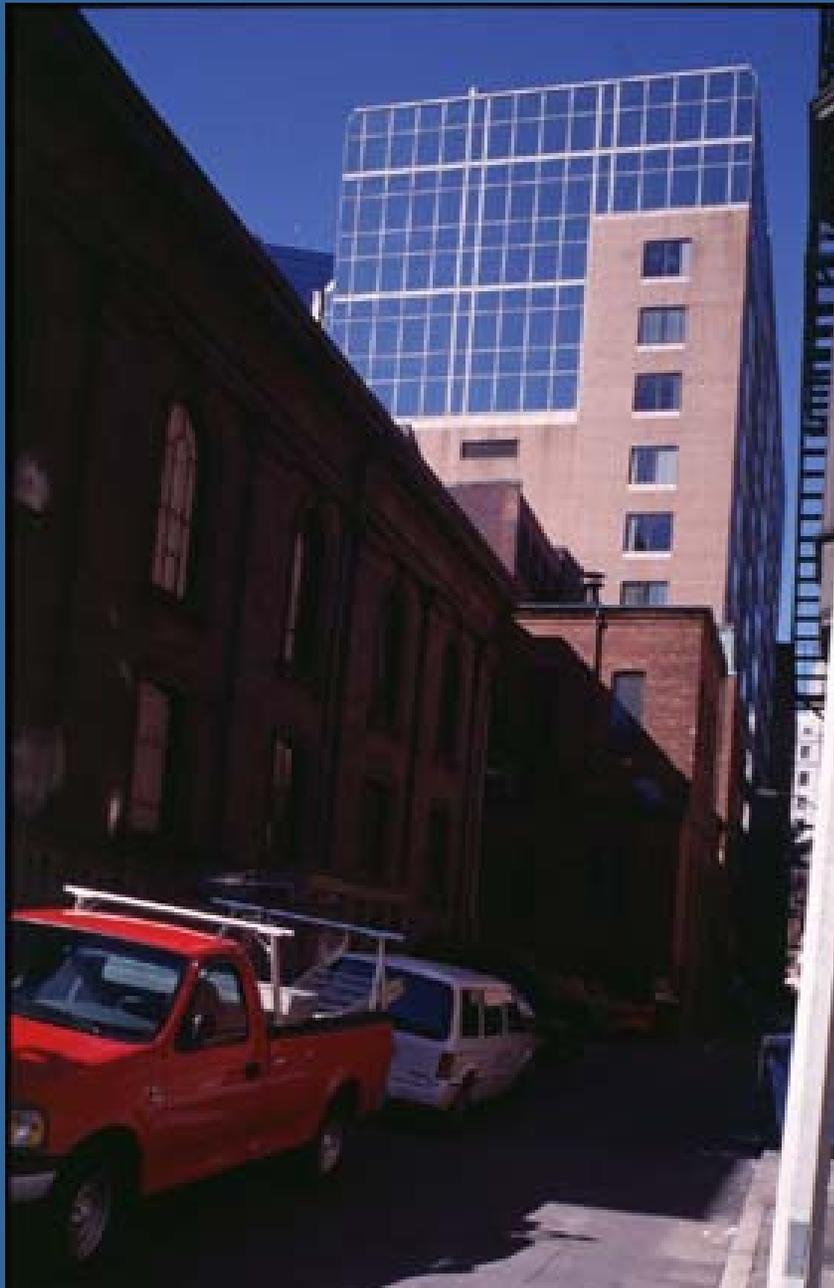












What are the advantages and disadvantages of direct observations as a method of analysis?

Use of abstractions to gain insight

Abstractions as tools:

- Maps
- Long distance aerial views

Identify:

- Distinctive elements of a city
- Key ceremonial places
- Origins through map observation...



