

# The Power of Symmetry

Symmetry is presented all around us whether we realize it or not. It can be seen in animals, people, plants, and in many other things that one might not perceive. Symmetry “refers to a sense of harmonious and beautiful proportion and balance.”<sup>1</sup> One distinguishable place symmetry can be perceived in is in nature. The similarities on trees, flowers, leaves or any sort of plant gives a natural balance to an area, ultimately creating a beautiful landscape. The first picture I will be looking at is the area surrounding the equestrian sculpture of George Washington, which was built to honor “Americas most founding of its fathers”. The walkway leading to this statue is found on the ornamental bridge in Boston Public Garden. The walkway is lined with brightly colored green trees that are spaced in a orderly line, giving a sense of balance to the walkway. The fences are all the same length and shape which creates a stark contrast to the beauty of the nature and the concrete floor leading to the sculpture. These features show how important symmetry is in creating the beauties of a space. The second picture I chose showcases a statue of Alexander Hamilton, who can be referred to as a federalist and another important founding father of America. This statue is the oldest statue on the commonwealth mall. The trees surrounding it all look similar which creates a balanced space and beautiful landscape. These symmetrical areas are carefully designed to give a sense of balance surrounding extremely important figures, as the sculptures are placed in the center of the symmetrical areas.



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