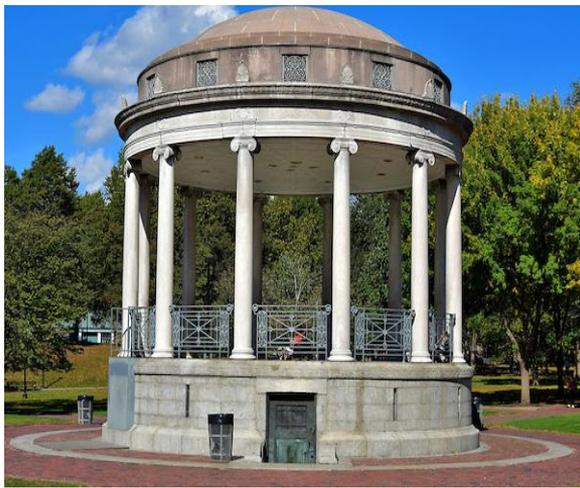


Protest in Nature



Protest: an expression or declaration of objection, disapproval, or dissent, often in opposition to something a person is powerless to prevent or avoid. The Parkman Bandstand in the Boston Common demonstrates this definition of protest while also demonstrating nature. As we can see through photos and the walking tour itself, this part of Boston can be seen as both nature and a way of protest. As shown in the virtual tour, we could see how the Parkman Bandstand was in the center of the grass, while people were hanging out and walking around. Although I couldn't experience the walking tour in person, I was still able to get a feel of the tour through zoom. I also connected the walking tour to my own experiences within living in New York City. Of course Boston and New York City are not the same, there are many similarities. Throughout history, the Parkman Bandstand has been used for numerous protests including: America's involvement in Vietnam, Dr. Martin Luther King gave an important speech here in 1965, protest against school desegregation plans in 1974, the starting and endpoint of the Women's March in 2017, the protest for the murder of George Floyd and several others. These protests have all made huge impacts on society, which is why this historic landmark is so important. The people protesting are demanding for the rights they need and didn't stop until they saw change. In New York City, there are many different protests that take place in numerous parts of the city including the Women's march, Black Lives Matter Protests, LGBTQ rights protests, Climate Change protests, and many more. As pictured on the bottom, this photo was taken at the Black Lives Matter protest in June. After George Floyd's death, communities all around the country came together to protest in solidarity and for change. This took place right near my house at a park and we peacefully protested in the streets. Carl Schurz Park, where numerous protests have taken place, relates to the Parkman Bandstand in the sense where there is a mixture of both protest and nature because it is surrounded by areas of greenery where you can sit and do whatever you want. This combination creates some sort of safe space for protestors to exercise their human rights, which is why this historic landmark was such an essential part of the walking tour. The power of protest is so prominent in society, which is why the Parkman Bandstand is such an important part of Boston that needs to be recognized.



¹Parkman bandstand – Boston common – 1912. (2016, August 26). Retrieved April 16, 2021, from <https://parkmangenealogy.wordpress.com/2010/01/02/parkman-bandstand-boston-common/>

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