

# Symmetrical Balance

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Team D Walking Tour #2 Video Recording  
Equestrian Sculpture of George Washington: Boston Public Garden



Photograph by Sage Winkler  
Back View of Boston University's Marsh Chapel

While symmetry is most commonly noticed as completely proportionate and equal, images may still appear symmetrical without including a mirrored complexion. As seen photograph of the Sculpture of George Washington, the statue is placed in the center of a pathway with trees aligning the sides. Due to the similar pattern of trees on either side of the statue, the viewer's eyes are drawn to the center statue. In the photograph presenting the back of March Chapel, there is a small opening in the center and larger buildings on either side. Although the buildings are not exactly the same shape and size, their contrast with the smaller opening in the center allows for the viewer's attention to immediately land on the center of the image. Both images draw the viewer's attention to the same area due to the symmetrical illusion they exude. As for the statue of George Washington, the placement of this statue was likely intentional. While this statue was assumed to be created in order to exhibit and extend gratitude for America's founding father, George Washington, the placement of the statue draws the attention of pedestrians walking by in efforts to capture their interest. By placing the statue in the center of a symmetrical pathway, pedestrians are more likely to stop and examine the work of art and admire its great detail while pondering the meaning behind the statue.