Space and Place Exercise

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# Union Square

Union square downtown San Francisco is located at the heart of the city. Union square is an urban core with an area of 0.67 square kilometers which is approximately 0.6 percent of the whole city. Union square is an inclusive location for people who are willing to gather, work and live in San Fransisco. With a small geographic footprint, Union square represents the environmental, cultural, social, economic heritage of the city. Union square includes theaters, hotels, and shopping malls. Union square shapes the community and its values with its historic architecture, art galleries, gift shops, and boutiques. Cultural enrichment of Union square also makes it a good destination for tourism. Theaters and off-Broadways contribute to historic and literature background of the region. Statue of Nike located at the center of Union square represents the Greek Goddess. The statue is known as Dewey Monument representing God of victory from ancient Greek mythology. The statue represents the victory of Admiral George Dewey during the American-Spanish War. Nike, the Goddess of victory represents the victory of America in the Manila Bay battle against Spain. In addition, many public events and concerts are held at the Union square. The audience participates in the event and those events can also be seen by the Grand Hyatt and Sir Francis Drake hotel. Union square is known for public art, Dewey monument being the center for art influence. Heart sculptures are installed at all four corners of the union square.

High buildings and modern infrastructure at union square made Union square a heart of the metropolitan city. One of the renowned structure in union square is the Tiffany building which reflects the economic strength of the city. The building has the head offices of Cathy Pacity and Tiffany & Co. Westin St. Francis hotel located in Union Square is known for its historic clock known as Magneta Grandfather Clock.

# Twin peaks

The first location selected for this paper is the Union square, which is in the heart of San Fransisco. The second place selected for the paper are the two hills which are located right at the center of the San Fransisco city. Two hills are called twin peaks and have a total area of 34 acres. Unlike Union Square, Twin peaks have more of a geographical history. Southern and Northern peaks are known as Noe and Eureka respectively. Twin peak revenue revolves around the peak, which is constructed in a way that forms the figure eight. Peaks were used by native people as a lookout ground. When Spanish settlers arrived at San Fransisco, they called the peaks “ Los Pecos de la Chola”, this is because they look like magnificent breasts.

The Christmas tree point found below the north peak is a major attraction for visitors and tourists alike, since they offer unbelievably magnificent vistas of the San Francisco bay. On a clear day, one can see as far as the Cobb mountains in the north and Santa Clara Valley in the Southeast. The twin peak natural area, an undeveloped part of the twin peaks is not only managed but also owned by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. This naturally preserved area is home to a number of species of birds and insects. It also features the beautiful Mission blue butterfly habitat conservation, which is one of the few remaining habitats where this endangered species is thriving.

Finally, the Muni Metro Twin Peaks Tunnel, running beneath the twin peaks, links the southwestern part to the western portal of the city. Many of the water reservoirs in the city are also located in the area, which is owned by the local fire department. The San Francisco Police Department Academy can also be found at the base of the peaks.

# References

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