



FINAL PROJECT

CAPSTONE PROJECT – THE BATTLE OF NEIGHBORHOODS

INTRODUCTION

Although people have been drinking coffee for hundreds of years, there are still new trends entering the market every year. The purpose of this study is to provide reference to young entrepreneurs who plan to open a start-up coffee shop and the target customers are college/university students. They have to find out whether Toronto or New York City will be the best location for them to have their very first coffee shop. This study is important for the positioning of the coffee shop before they work on the other business strategies.

DATA SOURCES AND METHODOLOGY SELECTION

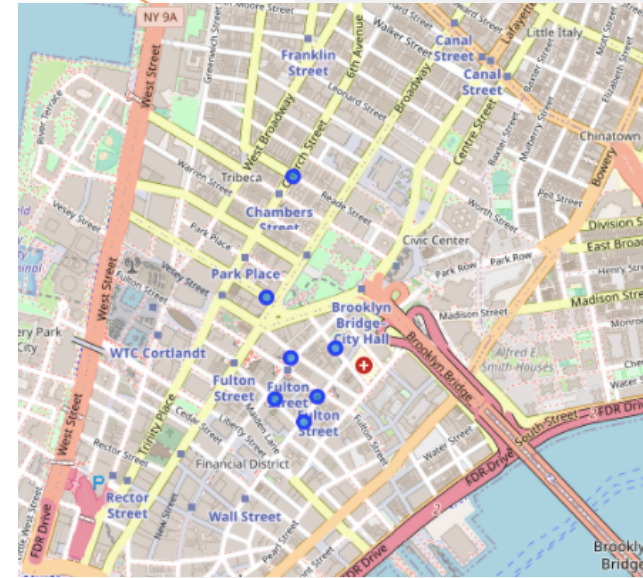
For this study, the data of neighborhoods of Toronto and New York will be used.

Other than that, the top 100 venues will be get from Foursquare to study on the number of coffee shops they have in these two cities, and bookstore will also be derived from it. Cluster mapping will be utilized to see the scattering and location of those existing coffee shops.

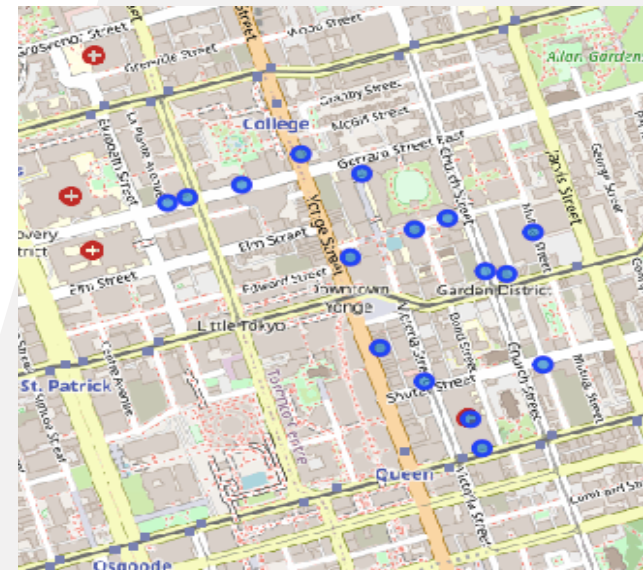
With the results, we are able to decide which city will provides more advantages to open a coffee shop, while taking the target customers and the easy of access for students into consideration.

RESULTS

- New York City has proven to have more advantage for the start-up coffee shop compared to Toronto.
- According to the study, Toronto has 16 coffee shops and 1 bookstore in the Top 100 Venues in Toronto returned by Foursquare.
- On the other hand, there are 7 coffee shops and 1 bookstore in the Top 100 Venues in New York returned by Foursquare.



New York City



Toronto

DISCUSSION

- As observed from the Cluster Map, the coffee shops are more scattered in New York compared to Toronto.
- Also, there are 110 universities/institutions in New York City while Toronto only have 22 universities according to UNIPAGE.
- Considering market competition and cost of entering the market, New York city would be the better location for start-up coffee shop. The strategy location of New York City also more compatible with the positioning of the coffee shop, while target audience is college/university students.

CONCLUSION

New York City has less competition for the coffee shops in the Top 100 Venues, it is good for start-up coffee shop to build up their brand. Also, with less cost of entering the market, they could use the fund to work on other business strategies, for example, marketing or promotion, to attract more students to visit. With the advance public transport and traffic flow in New York City, the ease of access for the students is relatively high.