



Rose-Redwood & Kadonaga SGD



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1.State the subject in brief keyword format.*

The subject of this article is the assessment of the spatial distribution of street numbering and lettering practices across the US.

2. Are there any terms or facts that you are not familiar with? Make a note of them and look them up if possible.*

Prosaic, Urban Toponymy, Spatial Inscription, Calculable Space

3. What is the main argument/thesis of this article? Underline or highlight it in your text. Include the page numbers in your notes.

The main argument of this article is that the vast majority of US cities have street numbering and/or lettering systems. (Rose-Redwood, 40) The author examines the relationship between street naming, population size, and date incorporated, using empirical data to develop a theory of social production of calculable space.

a. Try to write out the research questions or hypotheses in 1-2 sentences.

There is a clear pattern of street naming consistent with the criteria used for early colonial towns dating back to the 18th century. What cultural significance reflects the spatial distribution of street naming systems and the people inhabiting those spaces?

4. How does the author support the argument? (What kinds of evidence?)

The author supports the argument by using data from the US Census Bureau's Web site, Google Maps, state almanacs, as well as, various academic journals and literature, "to tabulate the total values for each variable by state, region, and the country as a whole." (Rose-Redwood, 42).

5. Do you agree/disagree with the authors' position(s)? Why?

We unanimously agreed with the authors' position based on sound evidence and data. The authors provide sufficient explanation of the historical context, data using graphs and maps, and reasoning for the generalizability and limitations of their research.

6. How is this article an example of human geography?

This article is an example of human geography because it examines the spatiotemporal patterns of street numbering and lettering practices on places across the US. The authors also reflect on the cultural implications of such practices to resemble how planners, et al. have used mathematical techniques to produce an "ordered city." For instance, the authors argue that street numbering was a strategy used to facilitate "the circulation of capital, extend the administrative reach of the state, and enhance urban wayfinding" (Rose-Redwood, 49). Another example the authors argue is that a large proportion of small towns also use street numbering and lettering systems to meet "modern" standards of design.

7. Identify the component of an article that reports the results of a research project. Do this by reviewing the subheading titles to each section. What is each section about?

The component of this article that reports the results of the research uses cartographic representations and graphs as evidence. The Spatial Distribution of Street Numbering in the US explores the regional variation in the spatial distribution of street numbering systems across the US and compares the differences among states/cities. Population Size and the Prevalence of Street Numbering explains the correlation between population size and the likelihood of utilizing street numbering and lettering systems. Lastly, Constructing a Historical Timeline of Street Numbering Using Date of Incorporation as a Proxy Variable attempts to describe the relationship among localities across the US and the data of incorporation (proxy variable).

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This set of notes does a good job of including the questions, such that it is easier to use the answers as notes. It also does a good job of using page numbers. Remember when using in-text citations for an article with two authors, the names of both authors should be included. For example: (Rose-Redwood and Kadonaga, 2016, 40).

Question 5 does a nice job of stating a position taken on the article. To answer question 5 completely and for your critical review papers, you'll need to be more specific in two areas to strengthen this answer.

We unanimously agreed with the authors' position **that ... [must restart what it is that you agree with]**

Now state why

The authors provide sufficient explanation of the historical context, data using graphs and maps, and reasoning for the generalizability and limitations of their research. **Now provide some examples of the data that support the authors' position that** the vast majority of US cities have street numbering and/or lettering systems. Describe what the data in the graphs and maps presented in the results section of the article show. Present some of the percentages and describe the patterns seen on the map as evidence supporting why you found the authors' explanation sufficient to convince you.

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