



Depot Town



PARKING



BUS STOP

YpsiWrites: A Public Art & Writing Tour

How might art inspire writing? And how might writing help us see art in new ways? YpsiWrites invites you to explore Depot Town and view specific pieces of art that are marked on the map. Then, take some time to think and write responses to the accompanying prompts. Inspired to try more? Check out our other maps for Downtown Ypsilanti and Eastern Michigan University.

1 Farmers Market & 100 Market Place

This site was a train stop from 1838 to 1982. Imagine travelers either waiting to board or disembarking a train.

Where do you think they were going or where were they coming from? Describe what it feels like in your body when you're excited or anxious.

4 Ypsi Food Co-op

The Ypsi Food Coop is located right by Honey Bee Alley. Notice the mural and think about why the alley has that name. Then, write a poem about bees: What do they do for people? What can you do

to save the bees?

5 Cultivate Coffee Shop

As you look at Cultivate, notice the mural's shapes and colors. How do they make you feel? Then, look at the street signs: Why do you think they named this Photo Street?

6 The Tridge

In the fairy tale The Three Billy Goats Gruff, a troll lives under the bridge and challenges all the passersby. What might live under a Tridge?

Write a fairy tale about the creature that lies beneath with you as the hero.

7 Midblock Alley Walk

This new walkway connects the ornamental clock and the business district to the Farmer's Market/100 Market Place area. Look at the bricks on the walkway and the historical markers. What do they teach you about this area?

2 Cross Street

Most of these colorful buildings were constructed in the late 19th century with architectural details that give them real personality. Write a description of a business that might have been located here. Who worked here or lived above the business?

3 Hudson Car Dealership and Museum

The Hudson car was built from 1909 to 1954. Look at this car and peek through the window to see other cars. Imagine (and even draw) the car of your dreams. What color is your car, and what do you see and hear as you take a short trip?

Have you noticed the artwork on the banners overhead? This exhibit, entitled Public Education, contains over 50 pieces created by art students in Ypsilanti Community Schools. What do you notice as you look at these pieces? How does this art reflect values of public education? What are these students teaching the public? Write about a

moment from your own education and how it connects to those values or to a specific banner.

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