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Week of September 29

For ***Tuesday, September 29***

As I type this I'm not sure how far we'll have gotten on Thursday the 24th. It depends in part on the amount of discussion which gets going on the documentary we've been viewing. So I've decided not to add any more Jacobs to the menu for the 29th. If we get well into Jacobs I'll add a video on "downtown," in this case, one of the more famous downtowns, the Chicago Loop.

Jacobs, Chapter 7, ***The Generators of Diversity***. (ML 187-196)

We celebrate diversity today. Roger Williams University strives to increase diversity on the faculty and in the student body. This was hardly standard thinking when Jacobs wrote this book in 1961. What Jacobs is most interested in is diversity in the physical fabric of the city, and how this leads to a variety of different cultural diversities—diversity of class and diversity of race among them. If the structures are uniform and inflexible how can those that inhabit them be otherwise.

For ***Thursday, October 1***

I graduated from High School in 1959, fifty (50) years ago! This weekend is homecoming weekend at my school, and my class is having its 50th reunion. I'm going to attend, so I can see who still has their hair and who doesn't, and what color it is, if they do have it. I will probably also compare waistlines as I see and gossip with people I haven't seen for many, many years. I've decided not to get a substitute, but to give you all the class period off.

I want to see how we do on September 29 before I make up the syllabus for the week of October 5. I'll post it in plenty of time for you get the work done.