



Architective Student Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

**You can investigate the history of a building the same way
a detective investigates a mystery -
look for clues that tell the building's story!**

Name of Building: _____

Address of Building: _____



Draw a sketch of the building.

Large empty rectangular box for drawing a sketch of the building.



**Explore the building - answer the following questions.
Use the back of the paper if you need more writing space.**

What materials were used to construct the building? Do you think there is a specific reason that people used those materials?

What does the building feel like to the touch? What is the texture of the building?

Do you see any patterns or shapes repeated on the building? For example, spirals, circles, arches, curved lines, straight lines?

Do any of the designs on the outside of the building give you any clues about what the building was used for in the past?

What adjectives would you use to describe the building's "personality" (fun, serious, scary, etc)?

What does the inside of the building look like?

What makes this building different from, or similar to, other buildings in the neighborhood?

Look at the area around the building.

a. What man-made objects do you see? Look for things like buildings, roads and train tracks.

b. What naturally occurring features do you see? Look for things like trees, hills and water.

Do your observations of the area around the building give you any clues about what this area was like in the past?





You've gathered your clues from the building - time to investigate a little further. You can learn a lot about a building's past through primary source research.

What is a primary source?

What primary sources do you think would have information about your building? Where could you find those primary sources?

Source:

Where I Can Find This Source:

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What questions do you have about your building that might be answered through researching with primary sources?



To preserve a historic building, preservationists frequently find new uses for old spaces. Imagine your building is scheduled to be torn down if you can't find a new use for it.

How would the loss of this building affect the neighborhood and community?

Look at your research about the building's past, the neighborhood your building is in, and the larger town or city around your building. What could your building be used for today? Be creative.

