

## Architectural Study

Choose a building you consider interesting and visually stimulating. Deeply analyze the architecture by exploring the points in the following questions. (Remember to expand your answers beyond just a simple “yes” or “no” . . . the more details, the better!)

Submit your assignment in a numbered question-and-answer format, as shown below. Take **SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHS** of your building (with a digital camera) to illustrate your findings and attach those photo files to your assignment when passing it on to me. Have fun!

1. Is the building well proportioned?
2. Was the building well planned in relation to its surroundings?
3. Is the building equally beautiful when seen from different points of view?
4. Does the building show an interesting use of construction materials? Are they so used that they have become part of the design of the building? (For example, is stone used for the effect of its texture or its color? Do overlapping tiles create patterns? Have materials so varied as metal and glass been contrasted?) Is there a pleasing combination of stone, glass, metal, wood, or other materials?
5. Has the building a style of its own? Is it appropriate to the particular building — its needs and purposes — and to the overall community?
6. Have the practical needs of the building’s users been considered? Is there sufficient light and air? Are there adequate provisions for entrances and exits? Is the interior well planned with regards to space for rooms and corridors?
7. Can you see in this building any suggestions of the personal or national character of the people who built it?
8. Does the building stand in a large open area, apart from other buildings, or is it close to the others? Is it accessible from all sides? Is it visible from a great distance?
9. Is it totally unlike other buildings in order to show its particular character, or is it in the same style as the rest of the neighboring buildings?
10. Does the purpose of the building in any way dictate the form it has as a finished piece of architecture?