

How Would You Describe a Building?

Core Competency: Communication Skills

Go on a walking tour of your college or town and pick a building that you like. Take a picture of the exterior and interior and then answer these questions:

- What is the building's function?
- How successful was the architect in making the building's form follow its function?
- How would you describe the building's mass and interior space?

- What is the environment around the building like? How does the building relate to that environment?
- What message or vision do you think the architect was trying to express with his or her design?
- What material(s) and structural system(s) were used?
- Why do you think the architect chose the particular material(s) and structural system(s) that he or she did?

Put together a PowerPoint presentation that includes your photographs and answers to the questions and present it to your class.