

Building Stories

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Architecture, Urban Life

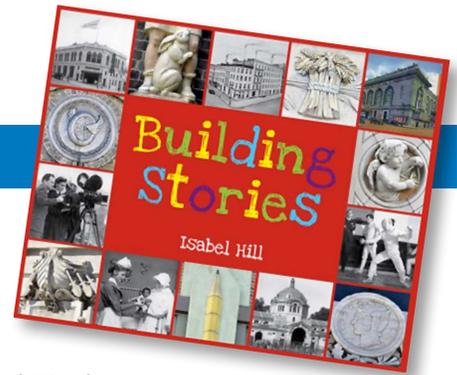
Book Brief: Take an architectural tour of some of New York City's most interesting buildings! In this fascinating book, you can discover the animals and other features hidden in plain sight on buildings throughout New York.

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Content

Connections: Social Studies, Art, Math, Science



TIME TO READ!



BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: What animals or other figures do you see? How do you think these objects were created? What

are they made of? Do you have a prediction about where we will find these objects?

The Pictures: Flip briefly through the pages. How are all of these objects similar? What differences do you notice? Have you seen similar decorations on buildings near you?

Prior Knowledge: Explain that this book will explore the animals and other features found decorating various buildings in New York City. Ask students what they know about New York. Locate the city on a map or globe. What do you know about architecture? Why would an architect or builder add designs and decorations to a structure?

Vocabulary: will vary

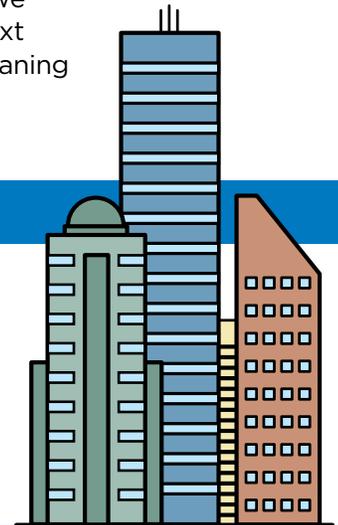
Purpose for Reading: As we read, focus on using context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words.

WHILE WE READ

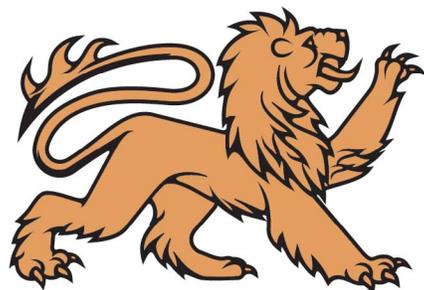
MONITORING COMPREHENSION

For each animal or design feature, ask if students can identify the animal or object, the building or structure it appears on, and any other architectural details they notice. If the page contains a highlighted

or unknown vocabulary word, ask students to use the picture and context clues to guess the meaning of the word.



LET'S THINK ABOUT



Our Purpose: As we read, we searched for context clues to help us understand the meanings of new words. What new words did you learn while reading? How did you figure out their meanings?

Extending Our Thinking: Are there word meanings you still aren't sure about? What are they? With a partner, go back through the book and see if you can figure out the meaning of any words you still don't understand.

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.



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