

Dreaming Up:

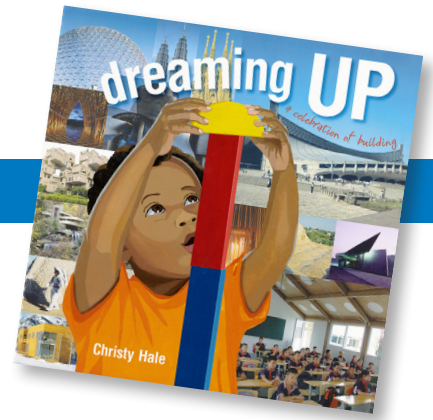
A CELEBRATION OF BUILDING

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Building, Design, Creativity, Architecture

Book Brief: This book of concrete poetry introduces readers to famous buildings around the world designed by a diverse group of architects.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, build background knowledge:

Ask your child about what buildings they find interesting around your neighborhood or town.

While reading, make connections: Discuss what makes a building appealing or interesting.

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What buildings in the book did you like best?
- ◆ Who designed your favorite building?
- ◆ What other buildings did that architect design?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MODERN “GINGERBREAD” HOUSE

Ingredients: graham crackers, frosting, candy for decorating

Use graham crackers to build a modern “gingerbread” house! Design your own or model it after one of the buildings in the book. Break the graham crackers into interesting shapes. Assemble your house using frosting as glue and candy as decorations. Eat up!

BLINDFOLDED BUILDING

Materials: paper, crayons or markers

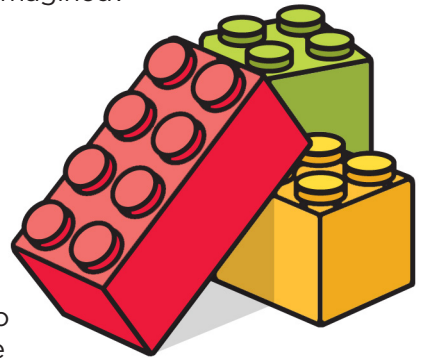
You and your child should sit down at a table *facing away* from each other. Tell your child to dream up a house or building. Have them describe it to you, with as much detail as possible, while you try to draw it. No peeking! Trade roles and let your child draw your dream building. Then, share your drawings with each

other. How do the pictures compare to the buildings you imagined?

FRANK LLOYD LEGOS

Materials: Legos or internet access

Research Frank Lloyd Wright’s different buildings. Choose one or two to build with Legos. Use different colors to represent different design elements of the building (e.g., red blocks for windows, yellow for doors). Look up the building’s dimensions. Can you build it to scale? If you don’t have Lego blocks, you can log on to www.buildwithchrome.com to build online.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

The East-West House: Noguchi’s Childhood in Japan (2009),
*Quilting Activities for Young Learners: 15 Easy & Delightful
“No-Sew” Projects That Reinforce Early Skills & Concepts* (2005).



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