

If You Lived Here

Houses of the World

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

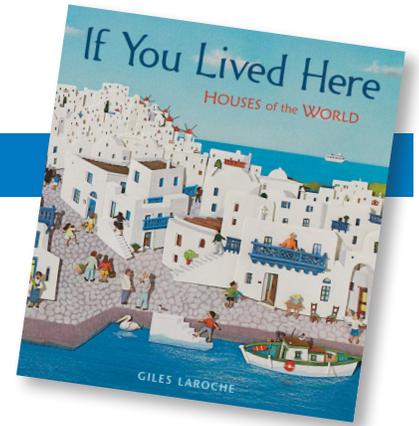
Themes: Architecture, Engineering, World Cultures

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

Book Brief: This book explores typical houses from different time periods and different countries around the world.

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Illustrator:**

Giles Laroche



TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Ask the children what they already know about how a house is built. Who does what, when? What are the most important things to keep in mind when designing a house or building?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

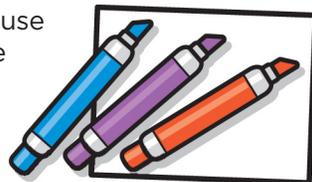
CAREER BUILDING (AGES 8-12)

What does an architect do? How do you become an architect? Research to find out! Make a list of at least five things you'll need to do if you want to be an architect when you grow up.

FORGET US NOT! (AGES 6-12)

Materials: scrap paper, white paper, markers or crayons, scissors, glue

Have the group work together to make a new page for the book featuring your center or room. Explore the building or research online to fill out all the categories (House Type, Materials, etc.). For the picture, use scrap paper to make a collage like the illustrations in the book.



MURAL MESSAGING (AGES 6-12)

Materials: paper, markers or crayons

The women of Ndebele hid secret messages in their murals. Draw or paint your own secret message mural. How can you use clues to show the meaning behind your art? Trade your mural with a friend to see if they can "read" the message! Can you read theirs?



TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit www.architectstudio3d.org to design your own 3D house from start to finish!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT ARCHITECTURE

Iggy Peck, Architect, Andrea Beaty (2007), *Building on Nature: The Life of Antoni Gaudi*, Rachel Victoria (2009), *The Three Little Pigs: An Architectural Tale*, Steven Guarnaccia (2010).

TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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