

# INVESTIGATE A BUILDING

When you look at a building, try to "read" it by asking yourself these questions:

## 1 Look

How many stories are there? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the building simple, or is there a lot of ornament?

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What shapes do you see? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you describe the building as:

Symmetrical:

a) Yes b) No

Colorful:

a) Yes b) No

What is it made of?

Does it fit with its neighbors?

Where do people go in and out?

Is the entrance obvious, or  
do you have to search for it?

Look at the windows. Where are they  
placed? Are they large or small?

## 2 Formulate Some Theories

Who uses the building?

What do you expect to find inside?

Is the building young or old? Why?

What do you think inspired the design?

## 3 Evaluate

Is the building welcoming or intimidating?

Inside, does it feel open or confining?

Is it easy to find my way around?

How do sound, color and lighting  
affect my comfort?