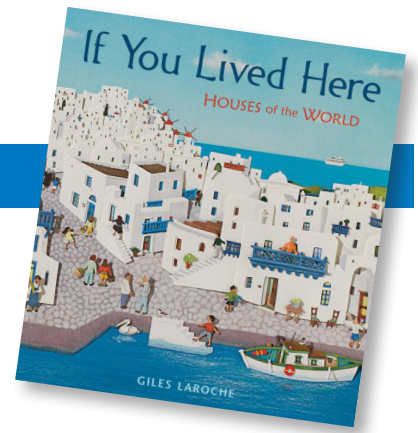


If You Lived Here

Houses of the World



A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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.

**Author and
Illustrator:**
Giles Laroche



TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make connections: Where do you live? A house, apartment, trailer? How is your home adapted to fit the area you live in?

While reading, draw comparisons: This book will work best if you read about a few kinds of houses at a time rather than all at once. As you read, compare

the houses. How is each house adapted to fit its environment?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which of the houses is most like yours?
- ◆ Which house would you most like to live in? Least? Why?
- ◆ What do all the houses have in common?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

CAREER BUILDING

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.

FINGER-LICKIN' LOG CABIN

Ingredients: pretzel sticks or rods, peanut butter, graham crackers, chocolate chips (optional)

Let your child build a log cabin by using peanut butter to "glue" together pretzel sticks or rods.

Use graham crackers for the roof, door, and windows. If desired, decorate with chocolate chips. Enjoy!



MURAL MESSAGING

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

The women of Ndebele hid secret messages in their murals.

Make your own secret message art! Use scrap paper to make a collage like the illustrations in the book. The collage should have a hidden message or meaning. How can you use clues to show the meaning behind your art? Give your collage to a friend to see if they can "read" the message!



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).

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