

K-W-L Chart

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Use this chart to help you organize your thoughts as you read. In the first column, write down things you already know about architecture. In the middle column, write down things you want to know about architecture. Then read "All About Architects." As you read, add to the third column with things you have learned.

Know	Want to Know	Learned
<i>Example: I know architecture has something to do with buildings.</i>	<i>Example: I want to know what an architect does.</i>	<i>Fill in this column as you read!</i>

All About Architects

You spend time inside buildings like your home and your school. You may never wonder how they were built. Each one was designed by an **architect**. An architect is someone who designs structures.

How an Architect Works

Imagine your school buys land for a new building. They would hire an architect to design it.

The architect would ask questions about the building's **function**. Function is how the building will be used. How many classrooms? How many students in each class? What grades?

The architect also considers the building's **appearance**. Think about the buildings in your favorite movie. Those would look weird on your campus. Students would be too distracted to learn! The architect thinks about what looks right in the neighborhood. If it's full of small houses, the architect won't suggest a 50-story skyscraper.

Appearance and function work together. For example, classrooms benefit from lots of natural light. The architect might design large windows in the school building.

Style in Architecture

Style is how something is done. Stephen Curry is a great basketball player. The NBA has lots of good players, but nobody else plays like Steph. In the same way, there are many excellent architects. Only some of them develop a unique style.

You are going to learn about a local landmark. It was designed by the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Like Steph Curry's three-point shots, Wright had his own unique style.

Architecture in Your Life

Now that you know what an architect does, take a closer look at the buildings in your neighborhood. What choices did the architect make about the **function** and **appearance** of those structures? Do you see any particular **style**? If you were an architect, what kinds of buildings would you like to build?