ARCH 1121 History of Architectural Technology
Department of Architectural Technology

RESEARCH PAPER

My Neighborhood
Seen through an Architect's Eyes

This semester we have viewed and analyzed 10,000 years of architectural history. Many of us will never see the actual buildings. Yet we are surrounded by architecture every day. This type of building is called vernacular, meaning it was designed and built by ordinary architect or people. These buildings may not be important in the history of architecture, but they affect our attitudes and experiences. In this paper you will describe your neighborhood and select one "interesting" building. Why did this building "catch your eye". Describe it using architectural terms such as scale, proportion, form and rhythm. What is its use for? Then compare and contrast the building to the remainder of the neighborhood. Analyze the success or failure of this building in your neighborhood.

Outline: The following is the suggested outline for the paper of 3-4 pages:
- Introduction Give your overall impressions of your neighborhood. 1- 1 1/2 pages.
- State the thesis or idea at the root of your paper. ½ - 1 page
- Describe your selected building. Tell why you selected it   1-2 pages
  Compare and contrast this building with the rest of the neighborhood
- Analysis Evaluate the success or failure of this building in your neighborhood.
    Support your opinion with a series of arguments.   1/2 - 1
- Conclusion Restate thesis and summarize the research and thought process.
  ½- 1 pages
- Bibliography Google your neighborhood. Document some sources with MLA
  format

Format:
All identifying information appears on a title sheet.
Use one-inch margins throughout, 12-point font and double spacing.
Number pages at the bottom of the page.
Include photographs and illustrations in a separate section, not the body of the paper.
Identify photographs with captions and sources. Number the images and refer to them in the body of your paper
Submit hard copies. For the hard copy, staple the pages together in the upper left hand corner. Do not use folders or binders.

Schedule of submissions
May 2   Draft
May 9   Final