

Architectural Timeline

Purpose

This activity is designed to introduce the historical timeline of various structural designs. You will be assigned a structure to investigate, and you will create either a multi-slide, 5-10 minute PowerPoint presentation or a poster presentation that will provide historical information and a timeline on your chosen structure. You will learn about the influence of the society and the environment on a structure's style with regard to the design of the structures. The economics of a structure will also be investigated. In your presentation you will note the most popular use of the style, such as residential, government, commercial, industrial, institutional, or leisure, as well as the use of the style in your community, if appropriate.

Equipment

PowerPoint software or Poster Board
Internet access
Various resources

Procedure

In this activity, you are to design a multi-slide, 5-minute PowerPoint presentation or a poster presentation about one of the following structures:

- Bridges
- Churches
- Castles
- Skyscrapers
- Monuments
- Stadiums
- *You may select another topic with the approval of the instructor.*

Your presentation must include the following information about the structure you have been assigned:

1. The decade or years of most common use and when first used in a chronological order.
2. The building materials used in the style.
3. Distinctive features of the style or structure that make it identifiable and unique.
4. Provide images of the structure; include an example from the local area if appropriate, using sketches if digital images are not available.
5. Provide information about the use of the style, such as its use as a residential, industrial, or commercial structure, architects who may have used the style, and other information that will enhance learning about the style.
6. The location, state, or country, where your structure is located.
7. Any interesting facts.

You will make a 5-minute presentation about the style.