

#10529 HOUSE STYLES

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GRADE LEVEL: 6-13+
19 MINUTES



DESCRIPTION

Looks at a brief historical overview of a variety of house styles, from colonial to Tudor, Victorian to prairie, and Craftsman to eclectic. Uses doorway, windows, roof style, siding, and symmetry to differentiate between styles. Defines architectural terms used.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Subject Area: Visual Arts

- Standard: Understands the visual arts in relation to history and cultures.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Knows a variety of historical and cultural contexts regarding characteristics and purposes of works of art.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Knows the function and meaning of specific art objects within varied cultures, times, and places.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Understands relationships among works of art in terms of history, aesthetics, and culture.

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

1. To be able to identify different housing styles.
2. To understand architectural terminology.
3. To understand how class and social change affects housing styles.

VOCABULARY

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|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. colonial | 9. eave | 17. prairie |
| 2. traditional | 10. quoins | 18. Craftsman |
| 3. contemporary | 11. cornice | 19. bay window |
| 4. pediment | 12. Victorian | 20. gingerbread |
| 5. gambrel | 13. "painted ladies" | 21. rafters |
| 6. stucco | 14. brownstone | 22. International |
| 7. gable | 15. Frank Lloyd Wright | |
| 8. dormer | 16. ranch | |

AFTER SHOWING

Discussion Items and Questions

1. What is the most common colonial style house?
2. How many levels does a colonial house usually have?
3. What is a *pediment*?
4. What are two types of roofs that colonials usually have?
5. How many stories does a Cape Cod house have?
6. What is a main characteristic of a Cape Cod house?
7. What type of house style is based on a medieval English house?
8. What are two features of a Tudor?
9. What is a popular architecture style for public buildings?
10. What are two distinctive characteristics of a Spanish house?
11. What is an example of a Victorian-style house?
12. What is a *brownstone*?
13. What are two features of a prairie house?
14. Where did the ranch house originate? What is another name for this style house?
15. What is the characteristic of the International-style house? What are two other styles that closely resemble the International style?

RELATED RESOURCES

Captioned Media Program

- [*The Renaissance: Art and Ideas #9373*](#)

World Wide Web



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- **HOUSE STYLES**

http://architecture.about.com/library/bl-styles_index.htm

Offers a list of various house styles, with links to each.

- **THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

<http://www.aia.org>

Provides a glimpse into what architects do and how they do it.



- **HOUSE STYLES: A GUIDE TO RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE**

<http://architecture.about.com/od/housestyles/>

Articles to help you identify house styles and trends.