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How to analyze architecture

- Who is the architect, patron, or client?
- How does the building reflect the architect's style? The patron's wishes?
- What is the function of the building? Civic? Religious? Public? Private? Commercial? Residential? How does the building reveal its function?
- What is the scale of the building in comparison to humans? Surrounding buildings?
- In what context was this structure built? How is the context reflected in the structure? Consider social, political, economic, or religious factors.
- How long did it take to build the structure?
- Which parts of the building seem to be emphasized?
- How do the parts of the building relate to other parts of the building?
- How does the building interact with the environment in which it is located?
 - Does it incorporate similar materials as nearby programs?
 - Does it draw upon nearby historical styles or influences?
 - Does it react against historical precedence?
- What shapes are repeated throughout the program? Geometric shapes? Organic shapes?
- How ornamental is the facade of the building?
- How is interior space defined?
 - What features demarcate interior space?
 - Is interior open and airy?
 - Is interior space compartmentalized?
- How does light contribute to the overall effect of the building?
- How do the materials contribute to the overall effect of the building?
- What architectural or stylistic terminology can be used to describe features of the building?
- What technology was used to build the structure? How does this technology reflect the societal development?
- How do overall features of the building create a unique user experience?



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