

VISUAL SURVEY FORM

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Based on the Visual Survey created by New Mexico CultureNet. www.nmculturenet.org

This survey can be used to help students begin to think about the spaces they inhabit. Ask students to choose a place they go to regularly, have been to, have seen photos of, or to research a new place. For younger grades, this form can be used to help walk students through a particular place on a field trip.

Building Name:

Building Description: (who uses it and for what purpose?)

Location:

Elements of Design

What kinds of LINES are used in the building?

Straight Vertical Horizontal Diagonal Curved

What 2D SHAPES (square, circle, triangle) are used in the building?

What 3D FORMS (cube, sphere, pyramid) are used in the building?

Does one shape or form dominate?

What COLORS are used in the building?

Are these warm colors or cool colors?

What type of light is used in major spaces?

Diffuse Direct Indirect Bright Soft Colorful Dim Natural

What TEXTURES are used and where?

What do they express?

Principles of Design

What kind of BALANCE does the building have?

Symmetrical Asymmetrical Radial

What organizational system is used?

Radial Linear Chevron Cruciform Axial Grid Other _____

Where has the architect used REPETITION? of Line? ...of Shape? ...of Texture?

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What kind of RHYTHM does this repetition create?

Regular Irregular Syncopated

Has the architect CONTRASTED colors? ...forms and voids? ...spaces?

What is the emphasis or center of interest in the building?

What elements of design were used to achieve this?

Interpretation

How do the colors and textures make you feel?

What does the scale express?

How do you feel about the scale of the space/building?

What happens in this space?

What does the space tell you?

How would you characterize the personality of the building?

Extrovert Introvert Creative Sedate Wise Entertaining Clumsy Prominent
Other _____

Evaluation

Is this place designed appropriately for its function? Why or why not?

How does it fit into its architectural landscape?

How is it integrated into the environment?

Does this building address any social issues? How?

Is this building aesthetically pleasing? Please explain.

If not, how could you transform it into an aesthetically pleasing structure?

Write one paragraph summarizing your evaluation of the building.