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# Architects are Artists

## Studying Architecture with K-8 Students

### Book List

- *Iggy Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty
- *Atlas of Amazing Architecture* by Peter Allen
- *Built to Last* (plus others!) by David Macaulay
- *Dreaming Up* by Christy Hale
- *The Story of Buildings* by Patrick Dillon
- *From Mud Huts to Skyscrapers* by Christine Paxman
- *Architecture According to Pigeons* by Speck Lee Tailfeather and Stella Gurney
- *How Was That Built?* by Roma Agrawal
- *If You Lived Here* by Giles Laroche
- *Brick: Who Found Herself in Architecture* by Joshua David Stein
- *Here to There and Me to You: A Book of Bridges* by Cheryl Keely
- *13 Buildings Children Should Know* by Annette Roeder and Jane Michael
- *The World is Not a Rectangle: Portrait of Zaha Hadid by Jeanette Winter*
- *Fallingwater: The Building of Frank Lloyd Wright's Masterpiece* by M. Harshman, A. Egan Smucker
- *If I Built A House* by Chris Van Dusen

### Free Resources

- Painted Paper Art: James Rizzi Drawing Guide (TPT)
- Painted Paper Art: Architectural Elements Drawing Guide (TPT)
- Frugal Fun for Boys & Girls: Lego Building Challenges (blog)

### Lesson Plans & Resources for Purchase

- **Deep Space Sparkle**
  - free resources on their blog
  - Architecture Unit (one of the monthly purchased sets) included 12 lessons and 3 centers/games
- **Teachers Pay Teachers**
  - Magna-tile idea cards
  - Dream House Sub Plan
- **Etsy**
  - famous landmarks card set
- **AOEU**
  - FLEX curriculum has more than 60 resources to use, including many with cross-curricular connections

### Early-Finisher Manipulatives

- Magna-tiles / Picasso tiles
- Keva Blocks
- Wooden Blocks
- Legos
- Architecture Magnets

### Deep Dives

- All-School Inquiry: Every grade studying architecture/architects at the same time!
- March “Arts Madness” with famous buildings or architects
- Take a field trip to visit a noteworthy building in your area, like City Hall, a Cathedral, or a Frank Lloyd Wright creation.
- Invite a city planner or architect to be a guest speaker in your classroom.