

Historic sites

Objective

Students will identify historic and modern landmarks in their town.

Warm-Up Activity

Your town/neighborhood has landmarks. Landmarks are buildings, sites, or objects (such as a tree) that have special significance because of their history, construction, or long association with a place. Landmarks help identify a community or a place. Landmark buildings give a place its unique identity. For example, Parliament Buildings are a landmark in what city? The CN Tower is a landmark where? Without its landmarks, each place would lose its individual identity and would look like any other town.

Main Lesson

As your class tours your town/neighborhood, have them fill out the attached landmark identification chart. They may need to locate reference materials for research and dating. Sketch or photograph local landmarks for follow-up projects. Change the dates and categories as appropriate for your town/neighborhood.

Extending Activities

- Make charcoal sketches of landmarks. Spray with fixative and use the sketches as guides to create a watercolor of the landmark.
- While on tour, take photographs of landmarks and create a photo album. Write captions or stories to accompany each photo.
- Use the photographs or sketches to make a "Landmarks of My Neighbourhood" calendar.
- Create a web site of historic landmarks of your town.

Grades 4-8