



Research Project-1

Please note that most of our learner documents feature:

- white backgrounds
- minimal colour
- lower-contrast, dyslexia-friendly fonts

so that our documents are:

- i) easy to read
- ii) easy to print



Research one of the buildings/structures from this lesson

- Find out as much as you can about who made it, how it was made, materials used, and what is happening with it now
- Describe what living, being in the building might be like, for the last people to be there
- Develop some ideas/suggestions for future uses, or changes to the building/structure, that would be sustainable
“Sustainable design seeks to reduce negative impacts on the environment, and the health and comfort of building occupants, thereby improving building performance. The basic objectives of sustainability are to reduce consumption of non-renewable resources, minimize waste, and create healthy, productive environments.”



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Ideally your project will have

- Around 1000 words (if it is a document that is double-spaced, in Arial font, in font size 12 pt, then 1000 words is approximately 4 pages)
- At least 3 graphics/images/visuals (that demonstrate a key point or topic)
- A reference attribution, which states all of your information sources and image sources (if you did not create the images yourself)

Note, that your project does not have to be a document, it can be a poster/series of posters, a video, a scrapbook, etc.

You'll need to adapt your wordcount appropriately – drop a message to Kitty if you need any assistance with this



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Some quick-start help with online research:

- use google to search for the keyword/key term, such as Abuna Yemata Guh (Ethiopia)
- you can start with websites such as Encyclopedia Britannica to give you a start
- your aim is to find and use trusted/ reliable resources (not Wikipedia) such as Architectural Digest (you are looking for websites that are run and managed by official organisations and bodies)
- newspaper websites are also an excellent source of articles on specific architects/buildings
- It would also be an excellent idea to take a trip to your local library, and ask their advice on research skills. It is one area that Librarians are excellent at!

Online research skills are important for many young people to develop, for their future educational paths as well as future careers, so you could also look for websites that specifically are oriented toward helping young people/teens develop their online research skills