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## MY HOUSE MATTERS!



START BY DRAWING A PICTURE OF YOUR HOUSE. USE A LOT OF COLORS TO SHOW WHAT MAKES IT SO SPECIAL.

**WHAT'S THE OLDEST ITEM IN YOUR HOUSE? IT COULD BE A PIECE OF FURNITURE OR MAYBE EVEN AN OLD POT! HOW OLD IS IT?**

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**IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN BRING THE ITEM (OR EVEN JUST A PICTURE OF IT) TO SHARE WITH THE CLASS DURING OUR LESSON.**

**ASK YOUR PARENTS TO HELP YOU FIGURE OUT HOW OLD YOUR HOUSE IS. WHEN WAS IT BUILT? ARE YOU THE FIRST TO LIVE THERE?**

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**WHAT DO YOU NOTICE FIRST WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR HOUSE FROM THE STREET? DESCRIBE THE COLORS AND SHAPES YOU SEE.**

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**HOW HAS YOUR HOUSE CHANGED SINCE IT WAS BUILT? ARE THERE ANY NEW ROOMS OR WALLS?**

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**WHAT DOES THE ROOF OF YOUR HOUSE LOOK LIKE? DOES IT LOOK ROUGH OR SMOOTH? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS MADE OUT OF?**

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**DOES YOUR HOUSE HAVE A CHIMNEY? IF SO, WHAT IS IT MADE OUT OF? IS THERE A FIREPLACE?**

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HOW MANY WINDOWS DOES YOUR HOUSE HAVE? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE THEY ALL THE SAME SHAPE AND SIZE? IF NOT, WHAT MAKES THEM DIFFERENT?

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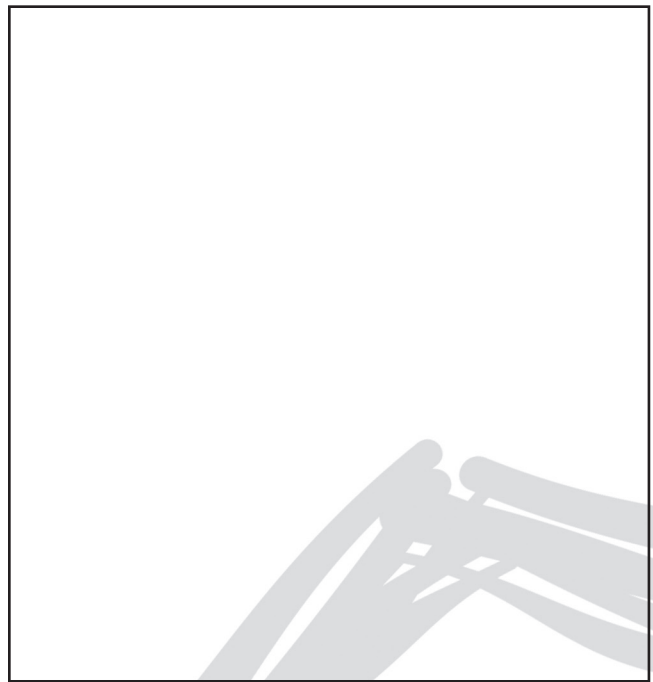
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DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FAVORITE WINDOW.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT ONE OF THE BIGGER WINDOWS. CAN YOU COUNT THE GLASS PANES? DO THEY OPEN OUT WITH HINGES, OR DO THEY SLIDE UP AND DOWN?

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DO THE WINDOWS ON YOUR HOUSE HAVE SHUTTERS? IF SO, DO THEY OPEN AND CLOSE? WHY DO YOU THINK THEY MOVE?

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DOES YOUR FAMILY DO ANYTHING AT HOME TO SAVE ELECTRICITY? IF SO, WHAT? WHY DO YOU THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT?

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