



## RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

### **About.com Architectural Glossary**

<http://architecture.about.com/library/bl-glossary.htm>

### **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

[www.achp.gov/index.html](http://www.achp.gov/index.html)

“The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is an independent agency that promotes the preservation, enhancement and productive use of our nation’s historic resources and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.” Though some of the information on this site is technical in nature, it does contain a good deal of information on the National Historic Preservation Act. There is also a link to many of their publications, some of which can be downloaded for free.

### **Archiseek Online Architectural Resources-Glossary of Architectural Terms**

<http://www.archiseek.com/guides/glossary/index.html>

### **Boston College-A Digital Archive of American Architecture**

[www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/cas/fnart/fa267](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/fa267)

This collection of nearly 1,500 images was originally constructed as a supplement to a course entitled *From Saltbox to Skyscrapers; Architecture in America*. These images and other information are grouped by century. There are also related links for some of the time periods and subject areas that include houses, public buildings, churches, commercial buildings, skyscrapers and universities. Also included is a listing of architects whose work is in the archives with information links for some of them.

### **Buffalo, New York Illustrated Architectural Glossary**

<http://ah.bfn.org/a/DCTNRY/vocab.html>

### **The American Institute of Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works**

<http://aic.stanford.edu/>

This site is primarily for professionals in the conservation and preservation fields, but under the “Public Info” link there is information on caring for a number of historic objects, including architecture.

### **The Carl Small Town Center, Mississippi State University College of Architecture**

<http://smalltown.sarc.msstate.edu/>

The Carl Small Town Center is a non-profit organization within the College of Architecture, Art and Design at Mississippi State University. The center was established in 1979 responding to its geographical position within a rural landscape and to the school’s focus on the American small town.

### **Center for Historic Buildings**

[www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)

Under *Historic Buildings*, check out the film series and poster and brochures for information on historic resources around the country.

### **Curriculum Developed By**

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### Center for Understanding the Built Environment (CUBE)

[www.cubekc.org](http://www.cubekc.org)

"The Center for Understanding the Built Environment (CUBE) brings together educators with community partners to effect change which will lead to a quality built and natural environment, one and interdependent. This means cities which work for adults and children; buildings and spaces which are healthy and aesthetically pleasing; streetscapes and landscapes which reach to the future while celebrating the past."

### Chicago Architecture Foundation

[www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org)

The CAF has developed and published an architecture textbook, *The Architecture Handbook: A Student Guidebook to Understanding Buildings*. It teaches the fundamentals of architectural design through hands-on activities and is "the first book of its kind" for high school students. The website has ordering information for both the student and teacher editions. There is also access to the organization's extensive shop.

### Colonial Williamsburg

[www.history.org](http://www.history.org)

The *Kid's Zone* has some fun activities to help young students learn about Colonial Williamsburg and early American history.

### The Heritage Education Network (THEN)

<http://histpres.mtsu.edu/then/>

This is a "...website for ideas, lesson plans, activities, sources of information and links for heritage education." There are various areas of emphasis, including architecture, farms, cemeteries, objects, archeology, photographs, family history and documents. The architecture section includes a pictorial glossary and several lesson plans, including forms and instructions for conducting a visual survey. This site is well worth exploring.

### The History Channel-Save Our History

[www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/](http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/)

"The History Channel created *Save Our History* to support local history education and historic preservation efforts in communities across America." Teachers can register to receive (or download) the *Save Our History Educational Manual and Lesson Plans* for free or they can download individual lesson plans as well as "How To" Project Guides. There is also information on past episodes, the grant program and links to excellent sites related to preservation.

### Historic Richmond Foundation -- Illustrated Architectural Glossary

<http://www.historicrichmond.com/glossary.html>

### The Library of Congress Built in America Collection Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record

[www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs\\_haer](http://www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer)

Started in 1933, the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) collections at the Library of Congress have grown to constitute a unique, valuable and extensive repository of knowledge about American buildings, industries and engineering works. The online presentation of the collection includes drawings, black & white photos, color transparencies as well as data pages of buildings. The collection can be accessed by subject or place. The listings are by state, and then by county. Mississippi is well represented in the collection.

### Mississippi History Now

<http://mshistory.k12.ms.us>

This website is published and maintained by the Mississippi Historical Society. There are featured articles and lesson plans on various topics in Mississippi History. These include articles on the capitals and capitols of Mississippi, the Grand Opera House of Mississippi in Meridian and the architecture of Rosalie Mansion in Natchez.

### National Building Museum

[www.nbm.org](http://www.nbm.org)

"The National Building Museum is America's premier cultural institution dedicated to exploring and celebrating architecture, design, engineering, construction and urban planning." There are downloadable *Educator Resource Packets* under the *Educator* link. These were originally designed for use with trips to the museum, but the activities are easily adaptable for other uses and include excellent bibliographies and glossaries of building vocabulary. These packets are primarily for the elementary and middle school grades.

### National Council for Preservation Education

<http://www.uvm.edu/histpres/ncpel>

This site contains a list of academic programs in historic preservation, including Associated Programs, Allied Degree Programs, Undergraduate and Graduate Historic Preservation Degree Programs. This and the related site [www.preservenet.cornell.edu/index.cfm](http://www.preservenet.cornell.edu/index.cfm)



might interest students who are considering historic preservation as a career.

#### **National Park Service**

[www.nps.gov/history/preservation.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/preservation.htm)

This site includes links to information regarding federal laws and regulations related to preservation as well as standards and guidelines for preservation.

#### **National Park Service-National Register of Historic Places**

<http://www.nps.gov/nr/index.htm>

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. This site includes FAQ's about listing a property and links to the National Register Information System database (NRIS), a computerized database that contains information on every property in the National Register.

#### **National Park Service-Teaching With Historic Places**

[www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp](http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp)

This site provides links to lesson plans for historic sites in Preserve America communities. Over 130 lesson plans can be accessed on a variety of subject areas (location/state; theme; time period; National Standards for History; Curriculum Standards for Social Studies). There are lesson plans for Preservation Month that cover important aspects of conservation and preservation. There is also an on-line *Author's Packet* to help teachers create their own lesson plans using local historic places. The area titled *Using Historic Places* has a number of resources for teachers.

#### **National Park Service-Walk Through Historic Buildings**

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/walthrough/>

This site teaches you to examine the historic character of a building through a step by step process starting outside the building and working in. There are photographic examples at each step, ending with a quiz to see if you can determine the most important visual aspects of various historic buildings.

#### **National Trust for Historic Preservation**

[www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

"The National Trust provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize our communities." The site has information on the many areas, including suggested activities for National Preservation Month. Information on the National Trust sustainability initia-

tive is located at <http://www.nationaltrust.org/green/index.html>.

#### **National Trust for Historic Preservation-Main Street Center**

[www.mainstreet.org](http://www.mainstreet.org)

In the 1970s, the National Trust developed its pioneering Main Street approach to commercial district revitalization, an innovative methodology that combines historic preservation with economic development to restore prosperity and vitality to downtowns and neighborhood business districts. Today, the message has spread, as the Center advocates a comprehensive approach that rural and urban communities alike can use to revitalize their traditional commercial areas through historic preservation and grassroots-based economic development. It has created a network of more than 40 statewide, citywide, and countywide Main Street programs with more than 1,200 active Main Street programs nationally. Also visit the Mississippi Main Street Association's website, [www.msmainstreet.org](http://www.msmainstreet.org).

#### **Preservation Directory**

[www.preservationdirectory.com](http://www.preservationdirectory.com)

"Preservation Directory's goal is to foster the preservation of historic buildings, historic downtowns and neighborhoods, cultural resources and to promote heritage tourism by facilitating communication among historic preservation professionals and the general public." This is an excellent site for exploring. It has lists and links for many and varied subjects relating to preservation.

#### **Preserve America**

[www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov)

"Preserve America is an Administrative initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our priceless cultural and natural heritage." The site has information about the Preserve America Presidential Awards, Preserve America Communities, Preserve America Grants and Preserve America History Teacher of the Year Award. There is also a link to a list of the fourteen Preserve America communities in Mississippi. There are links to each community, which include a brief history as well as contact information.

#### **Real Views-American Architecture**

[www.realviews.com](http://www.realviews.com)

This site is an excellent source of information and



photographs of architectural styles of houses in the United States. The styles are listed chronologically by their appearance in American architecture.

**University of Pittsburgh-Glossary of Medieval Art and Architecture**

<http://www.pitt.edu/~medart/menuglossary/index.htm>

**Whole Building Design Guide-Sustainability and Historic Preservation**

[http://www.wbdg.org/resources/sustainable\\_hp.php](http://www.wbdg.org/resources/sustainable_hp.php)

The *Whole Building Design Guide* has lots of good information on how to develop sustainable communities.

**Yale-New Haven Teacher's Institute**

[www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/indexes](http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/indexes)

Under *Architecture*, there are numerous interesting lesson plans and activities.

