NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

ELIOT SQUARE | BOSTON MA

TIME | 60-90 min.

TOUR OPTIONS

- ○ **Self-guided walk**
  Use the map + street addresses
- ○ **Virtual**
  Use the location links in the right-hand corner of each page

THEMES

- ○ Building types + materials
- ○ Changes over time
- ○ Architectural vocabulary

MATERIALS (PER PERSON)

- ○ Packet printout [pg. 2-7]
- ○ Clipboard to hold packet
- ○ Pencil with eraser
- ○ Crayon for rubbings
- ○ 3 small pieces of paper

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

How was the activity?
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Children's Walking Tours developed by the **Boston Society for Architecture** are **self-guided**, **hands-on** experiences for youth in grades kindergarten to 6`th grade. Although the tours highlight the architecture, urban design, and built environment of a neighborhood they are not history tours with facts and figures. Children will **draw**, **measure**, **count**, **make rubbings**, and **find** various architectural elements along the way. They will actively engage in the neighborhood through **close observation** and **critical thinking**. Children will **note changes** over time, **develop vocabulary** to describe building elements, and experience how it feels to be a building.

Families are encouraged to take the tour in person, but Google Street View links are provided at each location for a virtual experience. Tour routes are in city neighborhoods. Street crossings are shown at crosswalks. Please supervise your children at all times and be safe.

Looking for *another* way to tour the city, on the streets or from your home? Check out the **AIA Guide to Boston**, an iPhone app that brings the buildings, neighborhoods, and Boston architects to life. Download for a small fee.

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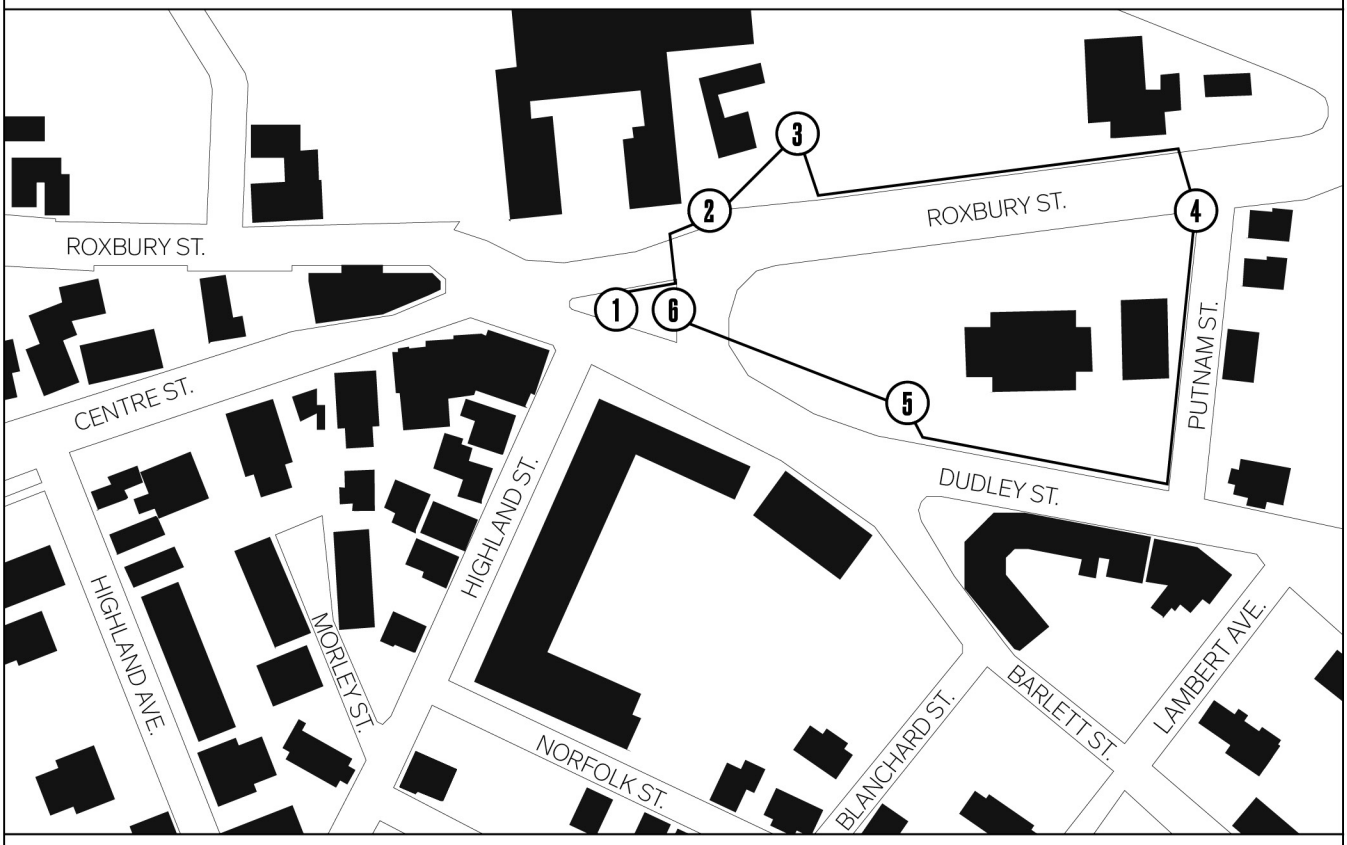
0 INTRO

VISIT VIRTUALLY

The tour begins in the center of Eliot Square *[start at 42 Centre Street, Boston]*. This Square has been the center of the Highland Park neighborhood for over 200 years. It is a place where lots of different things happen. People work, play, learn, create, pray, shop etc. in this square, therefore, there are many different types of buildings.

Begin at the benches around the circle and look around. **Ask** the children to describe what they see and the feeling of the square: is it *quiet, busy, noisy, confusing*? What do people do here? What kinds of buildings are here? What do they think was here before? **Note** the historical markers. *Fun fact:* **ask** the students when the park was laid out? Answer: 2002, there is a brass plaque in the brick paving in the circle.

Use the map below to guide your tour. The location numbers on the map below correspond to # numbers on pages that follow. At each location, try the ✎ activity.



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1 ELIOT SQUARE

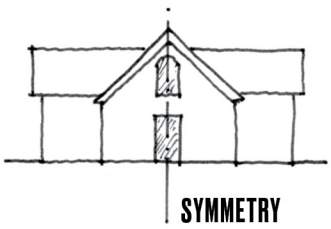
VISIT VIRTUALLY

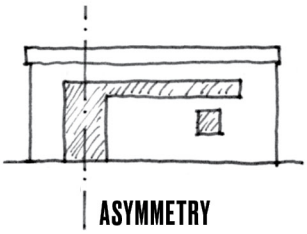
You are in Eliot Square *[42 Centre Street]*, the center of the Highland Park neighborhood in Roxbury for over 200 years. **Find** a comfortable place to sit and look around to do the activities below.

Buildings have faces just like people. Architects call them facades.
Many of the buildings in Eliot Square have symmetrical facades; that means that if you drew a line down the middle, it would be equal on both sides.

Can you **find** a symmetrical building?

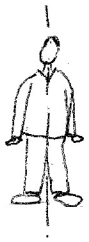
Can you **find** an asymmetrical one?





Is your body symmetrical?

Can you **make** your body asymmetrical?



2 TIMILTY SCHOOL / DILLAWAY HOUSE

VISIT VIRTUALLY

Look closely at the Timilty School (c 1937) and the Dillaway House (c 1750) *[view from 182 Roxbury Street]*. **List** three things that are the same and three that are different.

SIMILARITIES (SAME)	DIFFERENCES
1	1
2	2
3	3

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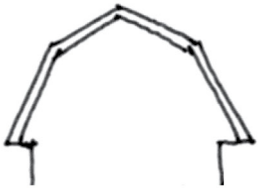
3 ROXBURY HERITAGE PARK

VISIT VIRTUALLY

Can you **find** the following architectural elements?
When you find them, **check** off the box in the lower left corner.

☐ GABLE DORMER



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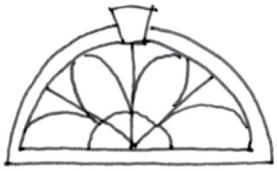
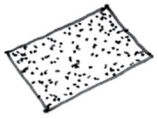
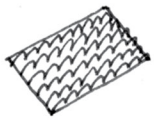


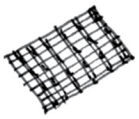
☐ FANLIGHT

☐ CITY SKYLINE

The buildings around you are built with various materials *[183 Roxbury Street]*.
Each of these materials have different textures.
Look around the park to **find** three building materials.
Place a small piece of paper on a building surface and use your crayons to make a texture rubbing. **Make** 3 with different building materials and **list** the ones you choose below.







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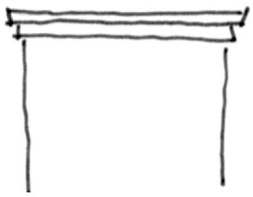
4 PUTNAM STREET

VISIT VIRTUALLY

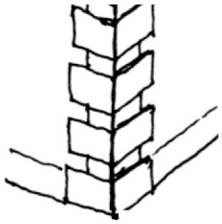
As you walk along Putnam Street, **find** as many architectural elements as you can. When you find them, **check** off the box in the lower left corner.



☐ FLAT ROOF

☐ GABLE ROOF

☐ MANSARD ROOF



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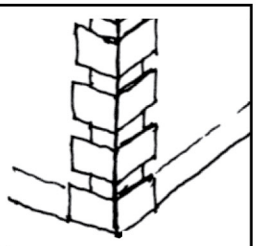

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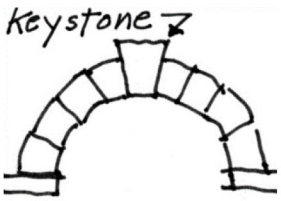

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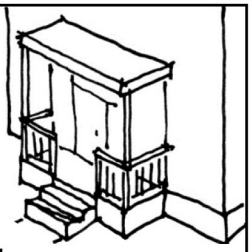

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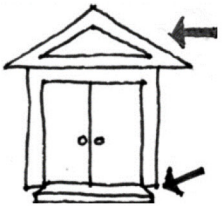

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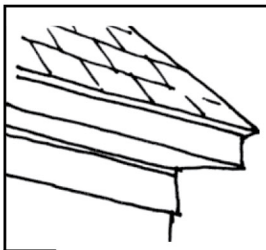
☐ BAY



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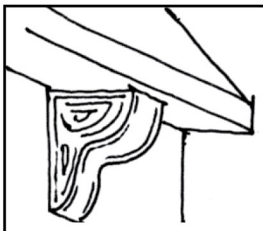

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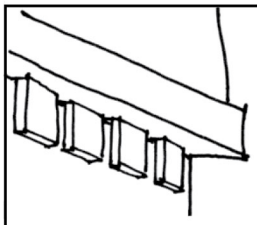

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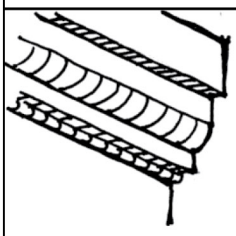

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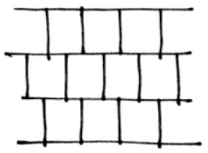

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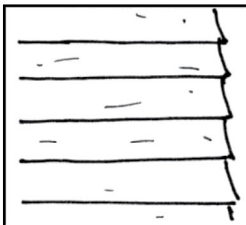

☐ CLAPBOARD

☐ STONE

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5 FIRST CHURCH IN ROXBURY

VISIT VIRTUALLY

There has been a meetinghouse on this site since 1632 *[10 Putnam Street].* The current building was completed in 1804.

In the space below, **draw** the façade (face) of the First Church. **Start** by drawing the largest shapes first, then add details. After, **label** some architectural elements on your drawing that you identified earlier [see pg. 4-5].

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6 ELIOT SQUARE

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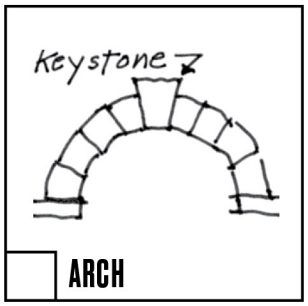
We are back where we began. Each of the buildings you visited today have different types of structures. Architects call the parts that hold a building up structure.

Find the following structural elements and then **try** them out with as partner. By making the structure's shapes, you can start to **learn** how they work.



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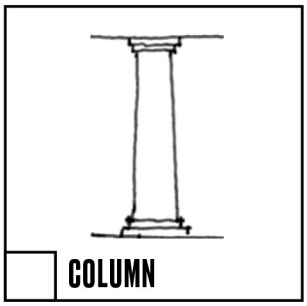

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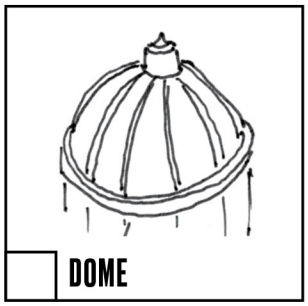

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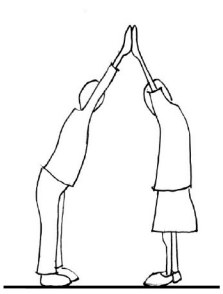

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