

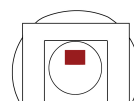


Community Structure and Exchange Major Project

Assignment Sheet

This assignment is designed to prompt you to identify the major features present in Cold War-era architecture so that you will be able to recognize them and know why they are particular to the context of the Cold War. Either individually or with a partner, please answer the following questions:

1. Based on your current knowledge, as well as the “Building the Diefenbunker” video that you have just seen, what is/are the main purpose(s) of fallout shelters?
2. What are some physical features of their construction that helped to achieve this purpose? (Materials and their properties, level of accessibility to and from the outside world, etc.)
3. Many above-ground building designs mimicked some of the features of bunkers and were built with the goal of protection from radioactive fallout in mind. What do you think would be some of the considerations for architects in designing these “bunker style” public buildings? (Materials, building used for public or individual purposes, placement and design of doors and windows, etc.)



Diefenbunker
Musée canadien de la Guerre froide
Canada's Cold War Museum



4. Based on your list of bunker style architectural features created in your answer to question 3, can you think of/find a Cold War-era building in your own community that exemplifies some of them? With accompanying photographs, write a brief essay (length to be determined by your teacher) that identifies these features and how they specifically relate to the requirements of bunker style architecture. How do you think that these features impact its use today, or the way that the building is viewed by members of the community? Would people during the Cold War have viewed this building differently?

