

DESIGNING A TREE HOUSE



If you could have whatever kind of tree house you wanted, what would you choose? If you could let your imagination run wild, and your tree house didn't have to be real—that is, if it could just be make-believe and you were not limited by cost or materials—what would it be like?

Go ahead and plan a tree house in your mind. Let your imagination run away with you. When you have planned it, then share your ideas by drawing your tree house on paper.

Does one of the tree houses above remind you of an artist we studied this year? Although it is not quite the same as his paintings, does it remind you a little of

Mondrian? A building's style is sometimes inspired this way—by a painting that the architect saw.

On the next page, we are going to remind ourselves of some of the features we studied in Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Let's look back at some of the artists that we studied, as well. When you design your tree house, you will be asked to include at least two of the features that we learned about. What will you choose? Maybe you will carve figures onto the walls, make a waterslide out of an aqueduct, or build a column with a spiral staircase. The choice is yours.