7a. State Capitol, Columbus, Ohio, 1838-1861

I. Related Documents from the National Archives

Note: *To access documents from the National Archives Catalog:*
      a) Click on the link provided and Select the "Digital Copies" tab OR
      b) Visit http://www.archives.gov/research/search/ and enter the Identifier #

Designs for Democracy Exhibit
http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/designs_for_democracy/

Photograph of Supreme Court Building
National Archives Identifier 594954
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594954

Capitol of the United States, Washington, D.C, *ca. 1860 - ca. 1865*
National Archives Identifier 525116
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=525116

The White House, *10/21/1977*
National Archives Identifier 176587
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=176587

Photograph of Aerial View of Capitol and Federal Triangle, *1936*
National Archives Identifier 3493231
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=3493231

Photograph of the U.S. Immigrant Building at Ellis Island, *01/11/1900*
National Archives Identifier 597954
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=597954

July 4th Ceremonies at the National Archives, 1973
National Archives Identifier 4477188
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=4477188

Photograph of Constitution Avenue Side of the National Archives and Records Service (NARS) Building with Skating Rink
National Archives Identifier 3493300
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=3493300

Photograph of the National Archives Building at Night at the Pennsylvania Avenue Entrance, *1972*
National Archives Identifier 3493290
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=3493290

Photograph of Constitution Avenue Entrance, *1935*
National Archives Identifier 3493226
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=3493226

Photograph of Constitution Avenue Entrance, *1935*
National Archives Identifier 3493228
http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=3493228

II. Suggested Activities

1. **Compare and Contrast:** Divide your class into groups and have them compare and contrast the Ohio State Capitol to such federal buildings as the US Supreme Court, the US Capitol, the White House, Ellis Island, and the National Archives building.

    a. What are the major similarities and differences?
    b. What does this tell you about the design of public buildings?

2. **Further Research:** Teachers should divide their class into 3 groups and have them visit the "Designs for Democracy" online exhibit that is viewable on the National Archives website at www.archives.gov/exhibits/designs_for_democracy/.

    a. Each group will focus on one of the exhibit's themes: First Designs: Symbols and Substance, Grand Plans for a Growing Nation and Designs for a New Century.
    b. Have the students prepare a brief presentation about each of the exhibit's themes. After the presentations, have students compare the different eras in architecture and design.