

Alternate Construction Methods

A few houses across this country are not built using any of the wood dependent methods described in the book. There are some serious houses that are built of straw out in the western part of the United States for instance (the builders must have missed the day at school when they talked about the three pigs).

Find internet sites or magazine articles that describe alternate construction methods. These methods must be used within the United States. Here are some key words to add to the word house or home or building for a search:

Prefabricated
Foam Core
Concrete
Steel

Plastic
Log
Adobe

These are not the limit. You might find others as you search for alternate building construction. The site or article must describe the process that is used to put the building together. The articles must have large enough pictures or drawings so that when the article is passed around the class the pictures can give your classmates a way to understand what you are talking about.

The first part of the assignment is to bring a copy of the webpage or article for teacher's approval. No two students can have the same articles but they can have the same construction method or type. It will be "first come first served." In other words the first person that brings in that particular site or article copy that has the required elements in it will be accepted. No other student will be allowed to use that article to fulfill the remaining part of the assignment. Every one should have an approved article by

For the second part of the assignment you are to prepare a brief (3 minute) oral presentation of what is discovered about the building process. Your presentation must tell what type of method or materials are used and how it differs from western platform style of building. You may have to use your knowledge of western platform framing to help you to describe the differences as it may not be part of your article. As you are speaking your article will be passed around the class for help in envisioning your topic.

You will draw a random number to establish your delivery position within the class time. You will need to be prepared to deliver your presentation on_____.