

DESIGN BRIEF TEMPLATE

Use this template to describe every section of your final design brief. Fill in each area with notes, decisions, and descriptions that capture your vision.

PROJECT TITLE

STUDENT NAME

VISION STATEMENT

Describe the feeling, purpose, and inspiration behind your dream home. What emotions should the space evoke? What values drive your choices? What images, places, or experiences inspired your vision?

SITE PLAN & FLOOR PLAN

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Describe how your building sits on its site. Consider orientation relative to the sun, outdoor spaces and landscape features, entry points and approach sequences, and the relationship between building and terrain.

FLOOR PLAN

Describe how your interior spaces are organized. Consider room relationships and adjacencies, circulation paths and flow between spaces, furniture placement and spatial proportions, and wall openings that connect rooms or frame views.

ELEVATIONS & SECTION

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Describe what your building looks like from the outside. Consider the materials and textures visible on each facade, the proportions and overall composition, and the rhythm and placement of windows and doors.

SECTION (OPTIONAL BUT ENCOURAGED)

Describe the vertical experience of your building. Consider interior ceiling heights and volume changes, level changes or split-level conditions, and the relationship between structure, space, and light from above.

ENVIRONMENTAL & MATERIALS

ENVIRONMENTAL DIAGRAM

Describe how your design responds to its environment. Consider sun paths and how daylight enters your spaces, airflow patterns and natural ventilation strategies, shading devices and seasonal responses, and any passive or active energy systems you have selected.

MATERIALS BOARD

Describe the palette of materials, finishes, and systems that define your design. Consider the curated materials you selected and why, how finishes contribute to the tactile and visual character, and how your material choices support sustainability and performance.

REFLECTION & NOTES

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Reflect on your design journey. What part of the process inspired you most? What challenges did you encounter and overcome? How would you evolve your design with more time and learning?

OPEN NOTES

Use this space for any additional thoughts, sketches, or ideas.
