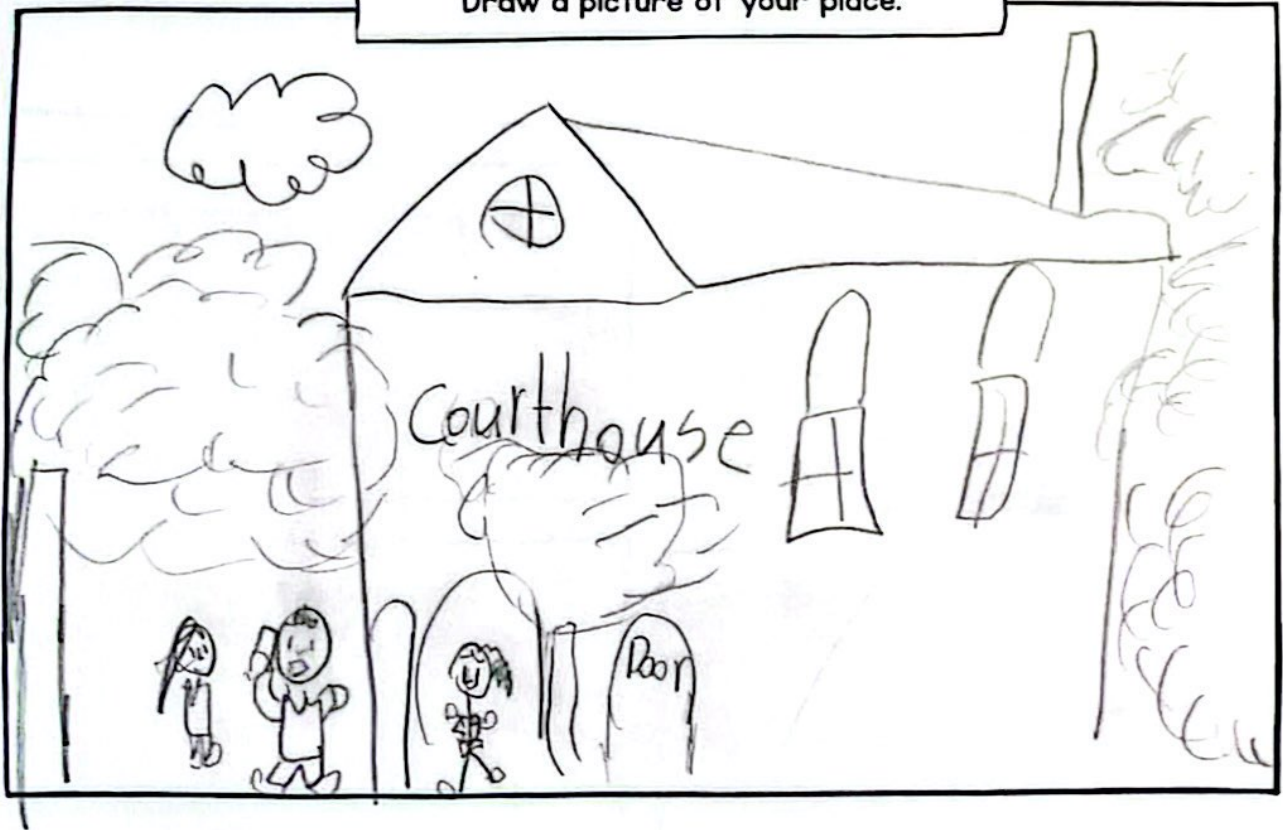


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# LEARNING ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY

Choose one building or place in your local area, and then answer the questions. It can be a natural area (forest, river, beach) or a man-made area (church, park, building).

Draw a picture of your place.



Name of place:

Fairfax County Courthouse

Where is it? (Country, State / Province / Region):

Fairfax County.

Historians always use evidence. What type of evidence did you use to learn about this place? That the courthouse was constructed at the conclusion of the eighteenth century, it achieved its main historical significance during the civil war.

How was this place used long ago?

Long ago, the Fairfax County Courthouse (built 1799) was heart of government handling local laws, wills including George Washington's, Deeds, and serving as a public square for events, but it became a civil war flash point.

How is it used now?

The original historic Fairfax County courthouse, a landmark since 1799, now houses the Fairfax Circuit Courts Historic Records Center, preserving vital county documents like George Washington's good will.

Who used this place long ago?

Long ago, the Fairfax Courthouse (built 1799) was used by local citizens, lawyers, and judges for county government, but during the civil war, it became a crucial military spot for both Union and Confederate troops.

Who uses it now?

The historic Fairfax county courthouse building, constructed in 1799, is primarily used today for the Fairfax County Circuit Court Historic Records Center.

How is this place interesting? What did you learn?

I think it is interesting because some parts were in the civil war, the Fairfax County courthouse is an interesting because it said that it was also for a civil war that it became a crucial military spot for both Union and Confederate troops. I learned that it was designed by James Wren and there could be prisoners there!