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Let's Learn About Architect Zaha Hadid

Known as the “Queen of Curve” Zaha, an architect from Britain and Iraq, loved to make buildings and designs that were totally out-of-the-box. She was inspired by the shapes and lines of nature. She inspired people to stand up for themselves and work around problems instead of compromising.



The World is Not a Rectangle

By Jeanette Winder, readers 7-9

90
MINUTES

Reading	15
Presentation	15
Activity	60

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Build a Structure Inspired by the Book!

Materials

Ask participants to save and bring cleaned, recycled items they have on-hand. Add cardboard, cardstock, aluminum foil, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, glue sticks, tape, yarn, paper, etc. to increase creativity.

Steps

- 1 Break participants into small groups (3-6 depending on size of group).
- 2 Give each group 5 minutes to brainstorm what they will be build. Prompt them to consider shape, texture, materials and function. How would the featured architect or architectural concept apply to their design?
- 3 Allow groups access to the materials and start building either individually or as a group. (20-30 minutes).
- 4 Reflect on the build. Use suggestions or do your own!

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Reflection Suggestions

- Ask participants to share their build with group. What do they love about it? What was challenging?
- Display the finished builds together. Reflect on the differences in approaches and materials.
- Ask participants to share their inspiration for their build. How did they apply it to their design?
- Select a build and sketch it on paper from a chosen point of view (side, top, front). How did drawing reveal its design?



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