

Arch 242 Building Science II

Assignment - 1

Field Trip Essay

Design Motivation: The built environment is where we learn the most about design; Success and failure, Genius and folly. One of the great tools to developing a design mind of your own is to consciously experience and assess the design of others. A reasonable indicator of the ingenuity of a designer is the depth of opinion they possess about that which they observe.

Design Assignment: For this essay assignment, you are to visit a restaurant or a cafe with the intention of absorbing and appreciating the lighting design in a nighttime environment. You are to then write a brief but engaging essay presenting an informed original opinion of your experiences.

What is an essay:

A good essay is an informed original opinion paper, written in compelling language using correct grammar. Present your own observations and opinions based on your knowledge and understanding of design. You will need to look, analyze, and present a case for your conclusions. There are no wrong opinions in an essay, just unsupported opinions. Example: “I like this place because it has colored light” is a weak, unsupported opinion. A better statement may read “The variation of light color and texture evoke a feeling of energy and anticipation”, which demonstrates your knowledge as it applies to your opinion.

Deliverables: One Essay: minimum 1000 words.

Due Date: 20 March 2017

Grading: 20 points possible

Time and Effort: 2 hours to visit, 40 minutes to essay

A Key Reference: You need to read 12th chapter of N. Lechner, 2014, Heating Cooling Lighting, Wiley Press.