

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE

WHAT MAKES A PLACE SIGNIFICANT? ... AND WORTH PRESERVING.



ARCHITECTURAL BUILDINGS + STRUCTURES

- Design
 - how the building/structure was designed
 - why it was designed that way
- Construction
 - What were the construction methods used?
 - What about the construction is important?
 - How long did it take to build and at what cost?
- Engineering
 - What is unique about the engineering of the building/structure?
 - Why is this an engineering marvel? (Golden Gate bridge, the arch in St. Louis)

HISTORICAL

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, + NATURAL LANDSCAPES/PARKS

- How a place contributes to local, state, regional, and global history
- How it has impacted the local community and culture
- How has it changed over time, yet still exists mostly in the same form as it did when it was built (or established if it is a natural place like a national park)
- Is it an integral part of our nation's history (like the National Mall in Washington, DC)?
- Does it tell a story of a people's struggle and persecution (Trail of Tears)



SOCIAL PLACE IN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

- Civil Rights Movement in the United States
- Rights of Native American/indigenous people
- Human Rights Movements like LGBTQ
- Jewish History - The Holocaust
- Women's Rights Movement

CULTURAL ARTS, MUSIC, LITERATURE

- Art: Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC (The Met)
- Art: The Louvre in Paris
- Music: Places like the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Sun Studios in Memphis
- Music: Historic recording studios like Fame Studios in Alabama
- Literature: Faulkner's home in Mississippi
- Literature: Key West as a backdrop for Hemingway's writing



RELIGIOUS CHURCHES, TEMPLES, RELIGIOUS SITES

- Many significant religious places around the world
- Some are still operating as churches, temples, etc. today
- Others are essentially museums, while some are just tourist attractions
- Archeological sites with religious connections – not buildings but still places
- Ruins could also have religious significance



ECOLOGICAL NATURAL PLACES

- Natural significance of the land
- The impact on conservation and wildlife – how does this place contribute to the abundance of wildlife that live there?
- Includes geology if it is a natural landscape: are there unique geological features of the landscape?
- Does this place have unique or rare species of animals or flowers, grasslands, trees?



ECONOMIC PLACE AS AN ECONOMIC DRIVER

- How does this place generate tourism?
- How many people visit this place annually? And has that changed over the years?
- How is the local, state, or national economy impacted by tourism?
- Cultural tourism?
- Camping, hiking, recreation?



EDUCATIONAL

- What can students and tourists can learn about the place?
- Does it provide an outdoor classroom?
- Is part of the site's goal to make visitors more aware about a cause? Think zoos and history museums. Zoos want you to be interested in animal conservation.
- Is there a museum on site?
- If it is a a museum (art museums), then there are educational purposes that are evident.