Math and Architecture

What are connections between math and architecture?

- Symmetry
- Proportions
- Scale
- Geometry
- Layering
- Nature
 - Landscapes (built and natural)

Architecture Mobius Strip

 Buddhist temple designed by an architect who wanted to symbolize reincarnation.



• Does this remind you of anything we talked about in class?

 How does this connect to the Mobius Strip activity we did together?

Fibonacci Numbers

- World's largest greenhouse and education center
- England







Geometry



• Cube village

- Dutch Architect: Piet Blom
- 3 levels with windows at the top facing every direction



Landscape and Geometry

• Math and design

<u>https://nj.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/f79f2801-256b-4ddf-ba0d-0567845408f9/f79f2801-256b-4ddf-ba0d-0567845408f9/#.WOz-IFKZNE4</u>

La Sagrada Familia



- Hyperbolic paraboloid structures (Pringles)
- Magic Square (in this building the magic number is 33)



La Sagrada Familia

- Catenary arches (a geometric curve)
- Scale models created from chains and weighted string
- <image>

• Optimal Arches





Fractals

- Los Angeles gas station
- "Green" building
- Recycled materials and a plant-covered roof complete the enviro-friendly revamp.
- What mathematics from class does this represent?

Music



- Inspired by a violinist
- Home and concert space
- Named the Integral House
- Home owner: calculus professor who wanted math to be reflected in his home.

https://youtu.be/V5tUM5aLHPA

Exploring Math and Architecture

• What are things in your experience that connect math and architecture?

The Architecture of Montclair State

• Find examples of math in the architecture around campus

• What types of things can you look for?

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