

What Inspires Me to Become an Architect

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When I was 19 years old, I went to work in construction with my older brother. At first it seemed hard and exhausting, but when I got used to it and learned the basics, it became easy and exciting. When you are building something, it's hard to imagine what the finished product will look like. But once I started to see how beautiful the buildings turned out, I knew I wanted to become an architect.

At the beginning I was a laborer. I had to clean up behind more skilled workers, such as carpenters, welders, and painters. I carried steel doors and equipment up flights of stairs. Once they saw that I was a good laborer, they started to teach me other things, such as how to build cabinets, put

up sheet rock, paint professionally, and weld. As I learned more skills, I saw how beautifully my work came out. I said to myself, "I want to be an architect." Today I am working hard to reach that goal.



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(Example)

Weld: to join pieces of metal together by heating the edges until they begin to melt and then pressing them together

Prompts:

David Colon writes, "Once they saw that I was a good laborer, they started to teach me other things . . .". How are good workers given opportunities to learn where you work? What opportunities would you like there to be?

Student Responses:

(Example)

Student Name - Response to prompt.

Partner Responses:

(Example)

Partner Name - Response to prompt