

# Home Interior

Historic New England's houses reflect a wide diversity of ideas about how the spaces inside a home are best used. In some cases, kitchens are tucked in the very back corner of a house away from the more social spaces. In others a single room was used for both cooking and the best bedroom furniture. Our houses also reflect differing ideas about style and comfort, featuring everything from grand, high- ceilinged rooms used exclusively for dinner parties to intimate spaces arranged for a family's day-to-day comfort.

Have your students draw pictures or take photographs of the different rooms in their homes. What do the pictures say about how they and their families use the rooms? What distinguishes a room used for work from one used for entertaining from another used just for hanging out? Looking at the furniture, colors, and decorations, how would students describe the style of their homes?



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Draw the different rooms of your home, thinking about how each room is used. Put in as much detail as you can.



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