

AMST 333
House and Home in America
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For Monday, April 30

We finish up the discussion on style and substance we began on Thursday last. The Souweine house is in the Greek Revival Style--a style very popular in the United States from about 1810 to 1850. Bristol has a small heap of Greek Revival Houses, ranging from the grandiose to the humble. One of the virtues of the style is that it worked well for both grand houses and not-so-grand houses, and at a time when an inclusive Democracy was at the center of the American Dream, a style which worked at nearly all status levels was a style perfect for the times. Of course, no Greek lived in a house which looked like these...the temples were the houses of Gods, not men.

For Thursday, May 3,

We'll spend part of our time discussing elements of Kidder's book, House, including some considerations of the house's organization. The wall of windows which the book mentions is featured below. Can you imagine what living in this house would be like? Maybe you can, if you try. We'll try to get a handle on the characters of some of the characters in the book, as well.

I will also introduce and talk a bit about the Final Exam--a take-home. The page is up and ready for you to take a gander at.