



Compare and contrast these two castles. How do they make you feel?

The one on the left is dark, hard-to-see, and inaccessible. It is in a rocky place where nothing grows or lives, in a vast landscape that looks sharp and pointy. It has no windows or light, and if you look carefully you can see some bats flying away.

What do you think of the castle on the right? Why do you think it was designed to look this way? Think about it – it would have been easy to dig a moat and put a few Louisiana alligators in it, but they didn't do that. Why?

Do you think Louisiana's Old State Capitol seems like a scary castle or a "welcoming" castle? It was built to represent Louisiana in a certain way. What do you think people thought when they saw this castle on the Mississippi River? What descriptive words (adjectives) do you think about?