

## Bright Ideas!

**WRITING PROMPT:** Careful observation, research, and critical thinking are required! If you have visited Louisiana's Old State Capitol you may have seen what is pictured below. If not, look at the two photographs carefully for this writing assignment.

The following is a technical definition for a vocabulary word used by building professionals to describe ways to light the interior of a structure. The photos show two examples of this term.

**Lantern** - a protective enclosure for a light source used in drafty interiors such as passages and staircases (or for outdoors)



The “lantern” on the left also pictured in the close-up on the right is located at the foot of the main circular staircase by the front door.

A much larger “lantern” can be seen at the top of the building, in the center. It is pictured below. It lets natural light in the building from the outside.

Choose one example from these “lanterns” and write about its use and significance throughout the building’s history. You may also choose to compare and contrast the two. You must include what this source of light says about the people who built the Old State Capitol and what it communicates to people who visit the building today.



