

Creative Strand: Stimulus 7

Zaha Hadid's Heydar Aliyev Center in Baku, Azerbaijan
(2007-2013)

Image description

The image shows a curved white building with a swooping façade

On the Artist

“The Iraqi-British Zaha Hadid became famous for her intensely futuristic architecture characterized by curving façades, sharp angles, and severe materials such as concrete and steel. The structures she designed successfully accomplished what mystifies so many when they observe great architecture: She took the strongest materials in the world and manipulated them to form objects that appear soft and sturdy at the same time... in 2014 her Heydar Aliyev Cultural Centre (pictured above), like an undulating sheet of graph paper, won the Design Museum Design of the Year Award”

Points to unpack

- Positive and negative space
- Lines and curves
- Severe material with soft, flowing lines/soft and sturdy
- Draping fabric/covers
- Manipulation
- Reflection/obscuring
- Energy in architecture



