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Building J and Bait Habibi Shalawani, SAF Art Spaces

about the artists

GCC is a group of eight artists who come from Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar. The artist group looks at how ritual and ceremony are used as tools of power and authority.

Awards are often presented during large ceremonies. They are given as a reward for a job well done. They are also sometimes given to a select group of people to suggest an important or special relationship.

Find the award titled *Berlin Congratulant*. Look at the shape of the award. Who would you give it to? Why? Fill in the blanks using the outline provided.



GCC, *Berlin Congratulant*, 2013, Glass, brass, metal, and zirconia diamond trophy on marble-veneered pedestal



Congratulations!

This award is presented to
insert name here

.....

For outstanding achievement in
insert subject here

.....

signature

date

design your own award

Look at all the awards displayed in the exhibition.

Design your own award. Think about who you would give it to. What would it look like?



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about the artwork

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is a political group made up of six countries. They are Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE. The artist group is known by the same name-GCC.

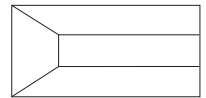
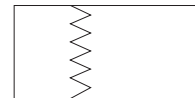
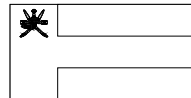
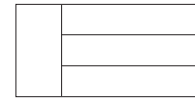
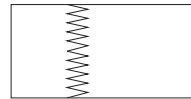
The *Micro Council* is a small model of the original table used by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). This table is used during formal meetings. It has six sides: one for each leader.

Study the table very closely. This table is designed to suggest power. What impresses you the most from looking at the table?

There is a flag at each end of the table. Write the name of the country for each flag. Colour in each national flag with the correct colours.

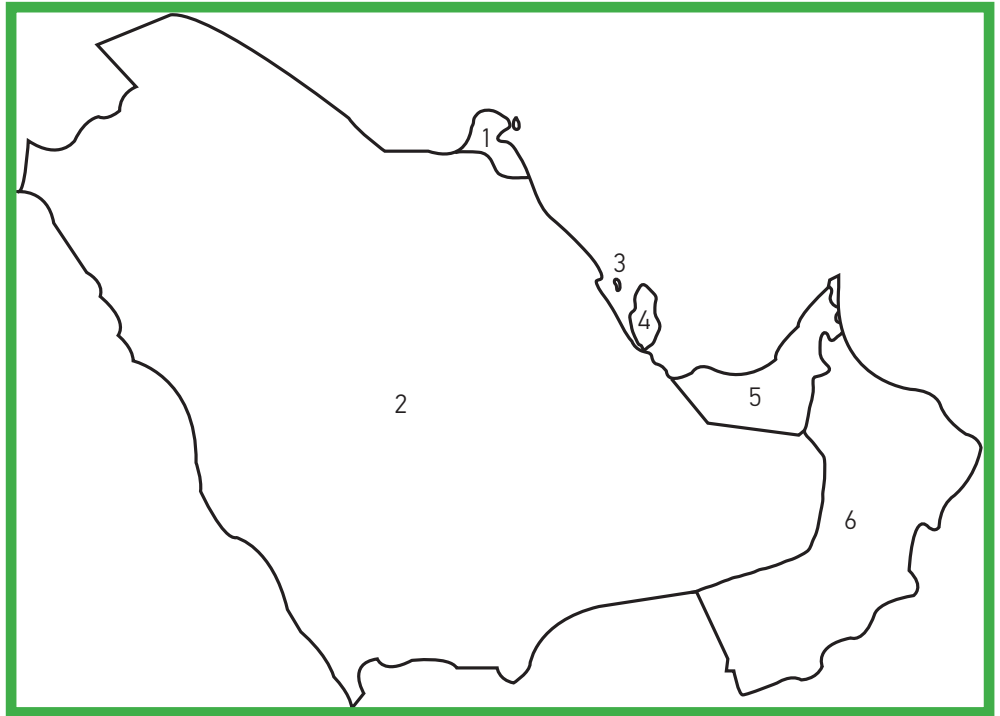


GCC, *Micro Council*, 2013, wood, brass, acrylic glass, glass, gold leaf, paint



name the country

This map is found at the centre of the *Micro Council* table. It represents all the countries that are a part of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Write down the name of each country next to its number



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6



GCC, *Topocelia*, 2014, gypsum board, spot lights, LED lights, metal roads, paint, L (14.85) W (7.3) H (.8).

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GCC was formed in 2013. This is the artist group's first exhibition in the UAE.

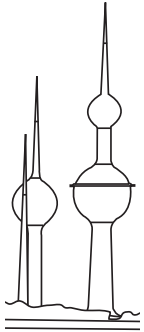
Topocelia is a ceiling that is similar to those found in very large conference halls and hotels in many cities across the Gulf region. These ceilings are designed to suggest wealth, luxury and power.

Look at the ceiling in the exhibition. Imagine the rest of the space.
Describe the scene.

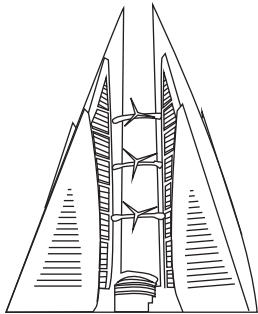
1. What would you see?
2. Who would be in the space?
3. What type of noises would you hear?
4. Think about the different scents. What would you smell?

identify the buildings

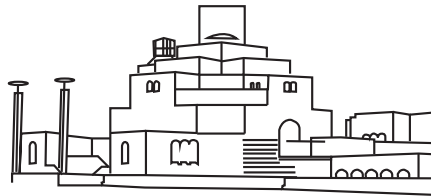
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) consists of six countries. They are Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and UAE. Each country is very proud of its architecture. In which GCC country can you find each of the below buildings



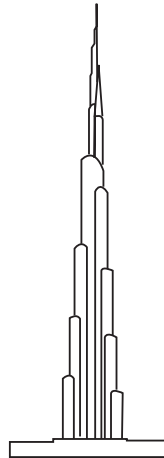
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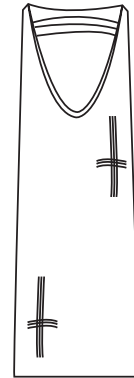
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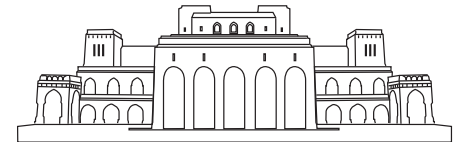
Museum of Islamic Art



Burj Khalifa



Kingdom Tower



Royal Opera House