

Reading Response 01
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Restful Domain:

In this photograph, I would walk forward and a little to the left until I reach the big rock. I would sit on the soft ground with my back against that rock, facing back towards the direction the picture was taken from. I chose that rock specifically because it has a gentle slope that would allow me to lay down as if on a recliner. The domain I chose within this forest has a high emphasis on support and comfort, while being able to view the rest of the forest. A combination of the specific spot I chose and the calming effects of being in nature place the person within the domain in a peaceful state.

Deep Breath Domain:



This domain is located on the second floor of the Art and Architecture building. The physical boundaries of this place are determined by the exterior walls of the building, with the biggest distinction being that it is outdoors. This area is juxtaposed within the building as

students are able to access a public outdoor space right next to private indoor classrooms and studios. In addition to getting fresh air, people are exposed to nature through trees, bushes, and grass within the space. With the courtyard being surrounded by hallway walls of glass windows, the surrounding architecture has a very light feel. This is in stark contrast to the heavy concrete flooring. Although the surrounding architecture is light, it is very taut as it is comprised mostly of straight lines.

Aside from the physical characteristics that make up this area, the domain is set up largely by the function of the space. While not frequently occupied in the colder months, this courtyard serves as a space to take a break from the stress and focus of classes and studios. Access to fresh air and nature allows students to decompress during their everyday lives. This space can be used to meet with friends, read a book, or even just enjoy a bit of sunshine. Despite the building and the courtyard being open to everyone, this space is normally occupied by the students of the art and architecture building.

I am calling the courtyard of the art and architecture building the Deep Breath Domain as the different architectural and social aspects of the space serve to give students a place to unwind and clear their heads.