

# COLLECTIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

## Wickham House



### ERA

Early 19th Century

### THEMES

Architecture, Design,  
Neoclassical,  
Greek and Roman

### CITATION INFORMATION

Wickham House, The Valentine.

### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

1. What parts of the house remind you of Greek and Roman design?
2. Why do you think the Wickhams chose to include Greek and Roman design features in their home?

### CONTEXT

The Wickham House, in Richmond, Virginia, was built between 1812 and 1815 for John and Elizabeth Wickham and their family. Designed by Massachusetts architect, Alexander Parris, in the neoclassical style and located in Richmond's Court End Neighborhood, the Wickham House features Doric and Ionic columns, symmetry and arches. The house was home to the Wickhams, their 19 children and more than 23 enslaved individuals. Following Elizabeth Wickham's death in 1853, the house had multiple owners until finally being purchased by the Valentine family for the purpose of creating the Valentine Museum in 1898.

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