Building Analysis Worksheet – Natural History Museum

Study the pictures on the photo sheet; think about the design and what you feel about it. Look at the detail and try to work out what makes it special and what the architect has done to make it interesting.

1. What do you think of its current appearance? (Any good points as well as bad)
2. What is your first impression? Do you like it, would it make you want to visit it? Why? Explain (Emotional response, what is your reaction? Try and explain it and be specific)
3. List 2 features of the building you like, explain? (Technical Response i.e. different sized and shaped windows, how have they got different colours into it, plus details)

a)

b)

1. What is the buildings function/purpose? What must it have to be effective?
2. What do you think is the theme for the design of the building? What do you think it is saying? (Difficult one this one, you really need to see the real building to really get it, but have a guess, look at its location as well)
3. If you had to design a new public building what features/ideas could you use in your design based upon what you have seen?

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b)

c)

d)