# House Styles

**Study Guide**

**Cape Cod**

* Small house with steep roofs and little overhangs.
* Normally built as one story or one and one half story.
* The eave line is always near the top of the windows.
* Gable roof line.

**Cape Ann**

* Chimney is centrally located and is usually large.
* Tapering gambrel roof line.

**New England Gambrel**

* Gambrel roof where the pitch is abruptly changed between the ridge and eaves..

**Garrison**

* Two story house
* Second story overhangs the first story.
* Gable style roof line with steep sides.

**Salt box**

* One roof line is long and gently sloping and the other is short and gently sloping.
* The salt box gets its name from the shape of coffee, tea and salt boxes found in colonial days.
* The long low roof helped combat the bitter wind common in New England.

**Southern Colonial**

* Large two story houses
* Large front porch, usually with large columns.
* Large 3 story fireplaces.
* Ornate woodworking and iron trim.

**Contemporary**

* Free lines and free flowing.
* No set pattern or shape.
* Usually a large amount of glass is used.

**Ranch**

* Long one story house
* Low pitch gable roof with long overhangs.
* Usually built on a concrete slab..
* Sometimes a L-shape is added to break the long line.
* Skylights and cathedral ceiling are variations found in modern ranches.