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Taking Stock of Treasure: Modern Architecture





Modern Architecture





Modern Architecture

- *Art Deco*
- *Art Moderne*
- *Stripped Classicism*
- *International Style*
- *Mid-Century Modern*
- *Googie*
- *New Formalism*
- *Brutalism*
- *Etc.*





Modern Architecture

- Exact definition and scope varies widely
- Characteristics:
 - *Simplification of form*
 - *Creation of ornament from structure and theme of the building*
 - *Takes form of numerous movements, schools of design, and architectural styles*



Characteristics

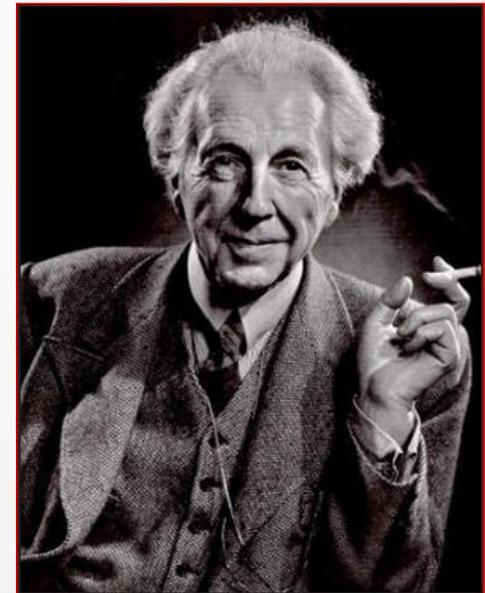
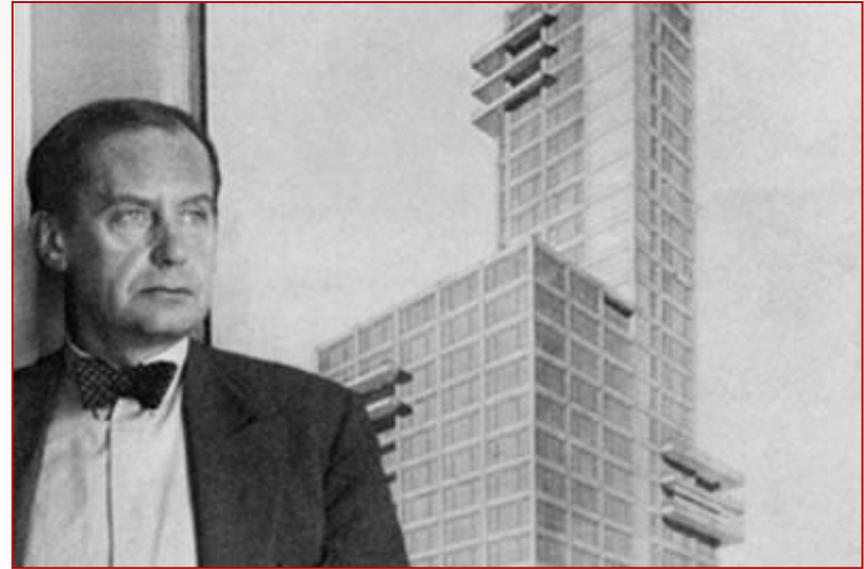
- Design should derive directly from its purpose
 - *“Form follows function”* ~ *Louis Sullivan*
- Simplicity and clarity of forms and elimination of ‘unnecessary detail’
 - *“God is in the details”* ~ *Mies van der Rohe*
- Visual expression of structure





Characteristics

- Truth of materials
- Use of industrially produced materials
- Visual emphasis on horizontal and vertical lines





Modern Architecture

- Notable schools of design and portfolios
 - *Deutscher Werkbund*
 - *Wasmuth Portfolio*
 - *De Stijl*
 - *Bauhaus*
 - *Harvard Five*
 - *Case Study Houses*





Pre-Modern Architecture: Historicism





Technology

1851 Crystal Palace, London





Technology





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Art Deco



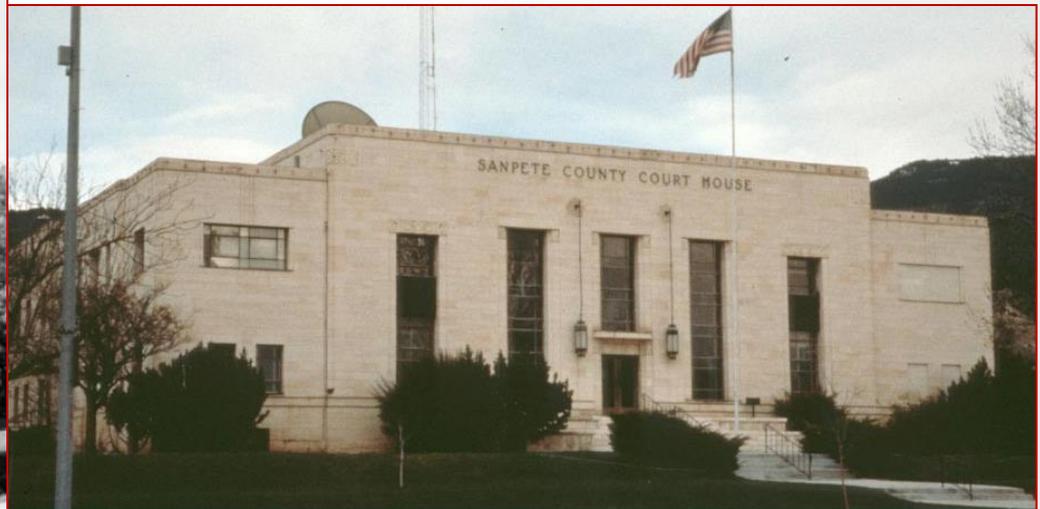
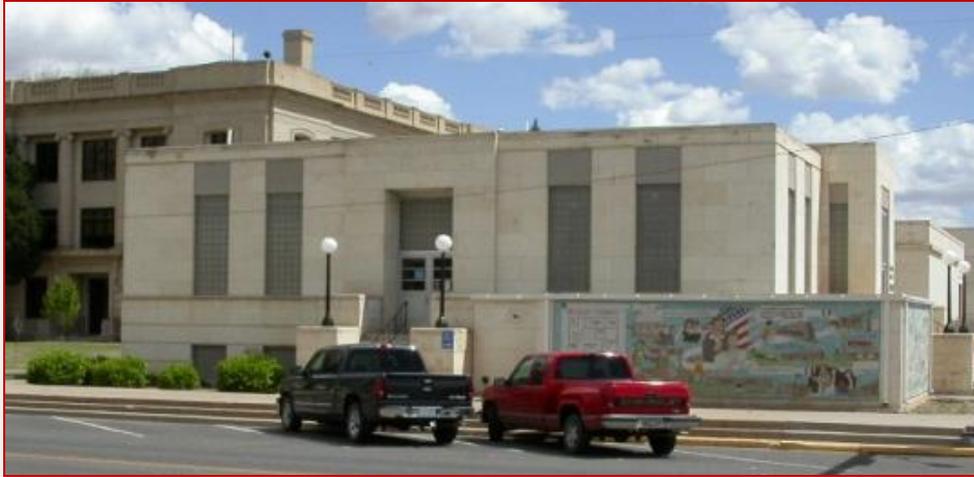


Art Moderne





Stripped Classicism



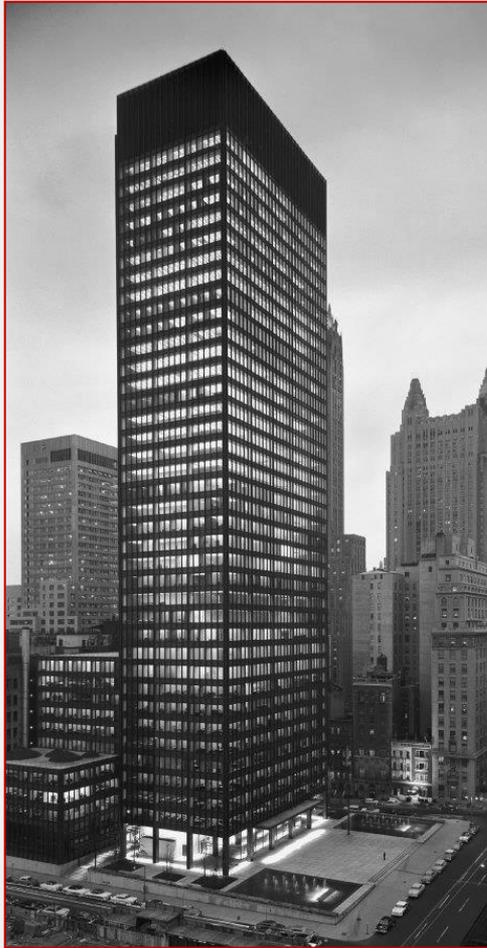


Innovation





International Style



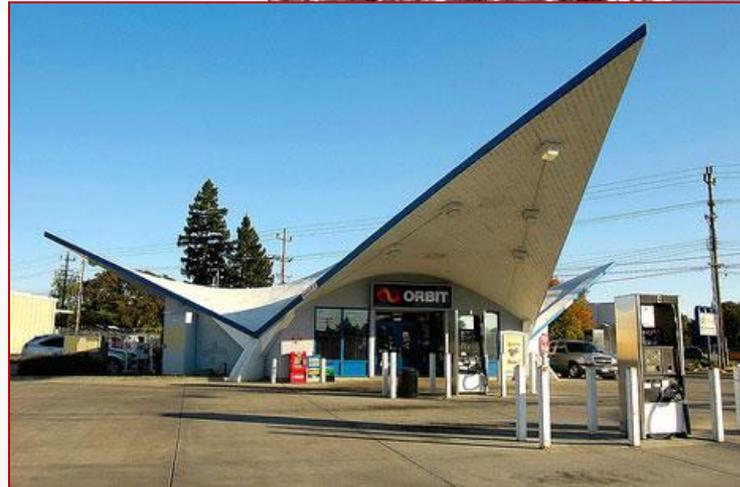


Mid-Century Modern





Googie





New Formalism





Brutalism





Modern Architecture: Others



Arts & Crafts



Futurism

And more...

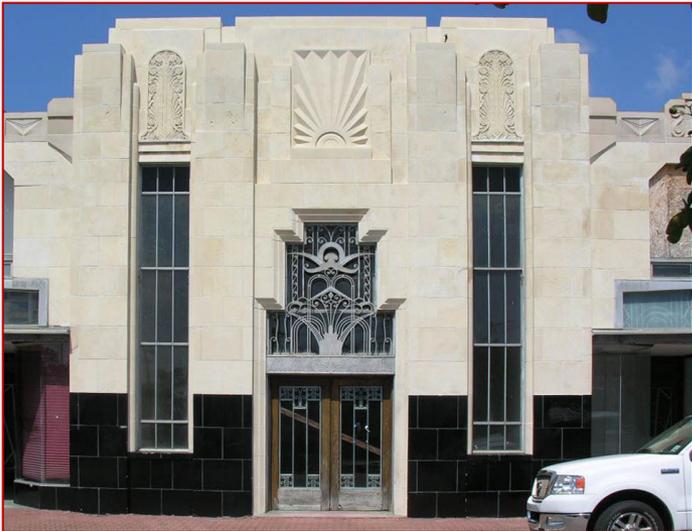
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Expressionism



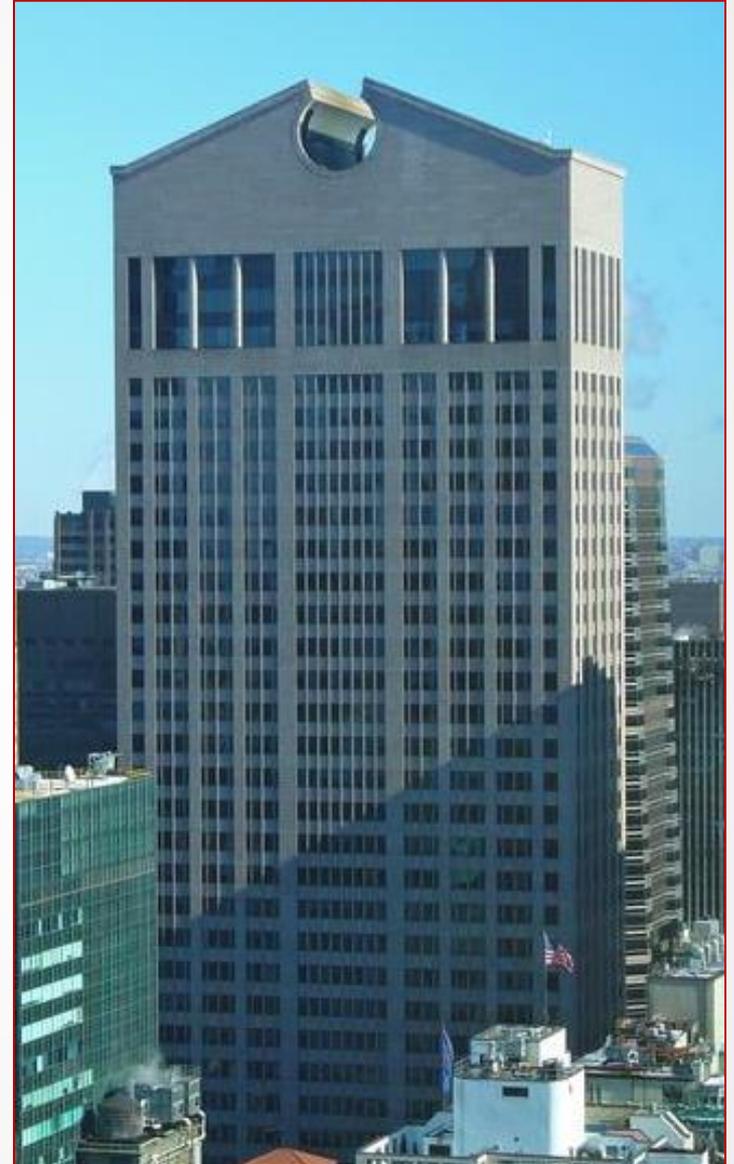


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Post Modernism





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