An Introduction to the Work of Frank Lloyd Wright: The Father of Modern American Architecture
Timeline

The following two slides contain a broad overview of Frank Lloyd Wright’s career and evolution of style in the context of important historical events and his own personal life story. During the presentation, we will delve into the intricacies of Frank Lloyd Wright’s architectural and philosophical development chronologically. We will explore the distinct periods of his work and representative structures and contrast them against the predominate styles and trends of the time.
Evolution of FLW's “Organic Style” – 1888-1929

- **Great Chicago Fire** 1871
- **1888** FLW is employed by L. Sullivan
- **1889** Work started on FLW home & studio in Oak Park
- **1893** Sullivan fires FLW
- **1893** Robie House, completed in 1910
- **1901** First “Prairie Style” home (Frank W. Thomas house) completed
- **1901** Stock market crash 1929
- **1909** FLW leaves wife, runs off to Europe with Mamah
- **1909** Tokyo Imperial Hotel started in 1919
- **1917** Start of WW I
- **1914** Murder at Taleisein, Taleisein burns to the ground
- **1917** Construction begins on Storrer House 1922
- **1919** Tokyo Imperial Hotel started in 1919
- **1919** System Built
- **1922** First American System kit sold 1912
- **1922** Mayan Revival/Textile Block
- **1929** Frank Lloyd Wright's death
Evolution of FLW’s “Organic Style” – 1930-1959

1930
Start of Great Depression

1932
Taliesin Fellowship established

1933
Jacobs House, first Usonian home built

1936
Work on Fallingwater begins

1939
SC Johnson Wax bldg. completed

1941
U.S. enters WW II

1952
FLW designs Price Tower

1956
Inspired by Falling Water, Hagan’s commissioned Kentuck Knob, completed in ‘56

1959
FLW dies in April

Guggenheim Museum completed six months after FLW’s death
Additional Research

The following slides contain reference materials and online links for those interested in learning more about Frank Lloyd Wright’s architecture.
Recommendations for Additional Research

**BOOKS**

- **Field Guide**
  - *The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright: A Complete Catalog* – W.A. Storrer

- **Biography**
  - *Many Masks: A Life Of Frank Lloyd Wright* – Brendan Gill

- **Works**
  - *Prairie Style: Houses and Gardens by Frank Lloyd Wright and the Prairie School* – Dixie Legler
  - *The Vision of Frank Lloyd Wright* – Thomas A. Heinz
Recommendations for Additional Research

**ONLINE LINKS**

- **Overview & Research**
  - [https://www.savewright.org/all-wright-buildings/](https://www.savewright.org/all-wright-buildings/)
  - [https://flwright.org/researchexplore/wrightbuildings](https://flwright.org/researchexplore/wrightbuildings)
  - [http://www.mcnees.org/architecture/flw_architecture_home.htm](http://www.mcnees.org/architecture/flw_architecture_home.htm)
  - [https://franklloydwright.org/quarterly/](https://franklloydwright.org/quarterly/)
  - [https://guides.library.columbia.edu/frank-lloyd-wright](https://guides.library.columbia.edu/frank-lloyd-wright)

- **Tourism Sites**
  - [https://flwright.org/](https://flwright.org/)
Recommendations for Additional Research

ONLINE LINKS

- **Tourism Sites (cont.)**
  - https://fallingwater.org/
  - https://kentuckknob.com/
  - http://www.martinhouse.org/
  - https://experiencegraycliff.org/
  - http://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/
  - https://dana-thomas.org/
  - https://crystalbridges.org/frank-lloyd-wright/
  - https://www.westcotthouse.org/
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- **Niche Articles**
  - https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-editorial-7-things-frank-lloyd-wright
  - https://www.guggenheim.org/arts-curriculum/topic/form-follows-function
  - https://www.dwell.com/article/usonian-homes-frank-lloyd-wright-e75b5b56
  - http://www.midcenturyhome.com/category/homes/frank-lloyd-wright/
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ONLINE LINKS

- Niche Articles (cont.)
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- Niche Articles (cont.)
  - https://www.metropolismag.com/architecture/frank-lloyd-wright-architecture-education/
  - https://interactive.wttw.com/tenbuildings/solomon-r-guggenheim-museum
  - https://interactive.wttw.com/tenbuildings/fallingwater
  - https://interactive.wttw.com/tenbuildings/robie-house
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ONLINE LINKS

▪ News

▪ https://franklloydwright.org/frank-lloyd-wrights-marden-house-for-sale/
Recommendations for Additional Research

ONLINE LINKS

News (cont.)

- https://www.architecturaldigest.com/gallery/crystal-bridges-museum-frank-lloyd-wright
- https://www.townandcountrymag.com/leisure/real-estate/g22178709/frank-lloyd-wright-ennis-house/