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

First “Prairie Style” home (Frank W. Thomas house) completed 1901

Robie House, completed in 1910

1909 FLW leaves wife, runs off to Europe with Mamah

1910 Tokyo Imperial Hotel started in 1919

1912 First American System kit sold 1912

First “Prairie Style” home (Frank W. Thomas house) completed

Tokyo Imperial Hotel started in 1919

Mayan Revival/Textile Block

1914 Murder at Taleisein, Taleisein burns to the ground

1917 Start of WW I

1922 Construction begins on Storrer House

1929 Stock market crash

Pre-Prairie/Transitional

Prairie Style

System Built

1914 Murder at Taleisein, Taleisein burns to the ground

1929 Stock market crash
Evolution of FLW’s “Organic Style” – 1930-1959

- **1930**: Start of the Great Depression
  - Jacobs House, first Usonian home built
- **1932**: Taliesin Fellowship established
- **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
Recommendaions for Additional Research

ONLINE LINKS

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

▪ Tourism Sites
  ▪ https://flwright.org/
Recommendations for Additional Research

ONLINE LINKS

▪ Tourism Sites (cont.)

▪ [https://fallingwater.org/](https://fallingwater.org/)
▪ [https://kentuckknob.com/](https://kentuckknob.com/)
▪ [https://experiencegraycliff.org/](https://experiencegraycliff.org/)
▪ [https://dana-thomas.org/](https://dana-thomas.org/)
▪ [https://crystalbridges.org/frank-lloyd-wright/](https://crystalbridges.org/frank-lloyd-wright/)
▪ [https://www.westcotthouse.org/](https://www.westcotthouse.org/)
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ONLINE LINKS

▪ 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/sonian-homes-frank-lloyd-wright-e75b5b56
  - http://www.midcenturyhome.com/category/homes/frank-lloyd-wright/
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▪ Niche Articles (cont.)
  ▪ https://www.curbed.com/2016/12/16/13984492/frank-lloyd-wright-prefab-american-system-built
  ▪ https://www.archdaily.com/60246/ad-classics-frederick-c-robie-house-frank-lloyd-wright
  ▪ http://significanthomes.com/home/9400-rockbrook-drive-dallas-texas/
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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/


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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/