

North American Architectural History

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1. Which architectural element is a defining characteristic of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie School style, as seen in the Robie House?

- A) Flying buttresses
- B) Cantilevered roof eaves
- C) Corinthian columns
- D) Pointed gothic arches

2. The iconic crown of the Chrysler Building in New York City is clad in which specific type of corrosion-resistant material?

- A) Gilded copper
- B) Enduro KA-2 stainless steel
- C) Anodized aluminum
- D) Cast iron

3. In the ancestral Puebloan architecture of Mesa Verde, what was the primary function of the circular, subterranean rooms known as kivas?

- A) Grain storage
- B) Communal living quarters
- C) Spiritual and ceremonial gatherings
- D) Defense outposts

4. Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's Seagram Building in New York is noted for using which external feature to express the building's internal steel structure?

- A) Terracotta tiling
- B) Non-structural bronze I-beams
- C) Concrete pilotis
- D) Limestone gargoyles

5. Who was the amateur architect who submitted the winning design for the original United States Capitol building in 1793?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Benjamin Latrobe
- C) William Thornton
- D) Charles Bulfinch

6. The 1984 AT&T Building in New York City, designed by Philip Johnson, is often cited as a turning point for Postmodernism due to what specific feature?

- A) A broken pediment 'Chippendale' roofline
- B) A completely glass curtain wall
- C) The use of exposed HVAC ducts
- D) Brutalist raw concrete finishes

7. Designed by Moshe Safdie for Expo 67 in Montreal, what was the primary structural concept of the Habitat 67 housing complex?

- A) Steel-frame geodesic domes
- B) Prefabricated concrete modular units
- C) Tensile fabric membranes
- D) Timber-frame mass-wood construction

8. Architect Louis Sullivan, often called the 'father of skyscrapers,' famously coined which architectural axiom in his 1896 essay?

- A) 'Less is more'
- B) 'Form ever follows function'
- C) 'God is in the details'
- D) 'A house is a machine for living in'