

Historical Milestones in Urban Planning

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1. Which 19th-century urban planner is famously associated with the massive renovation of Paris, replacing narrow medieval streets with wide boulevards?

- A) Georges-Eugène Haussmann
- B) Robert Moses
- C) Daniel Burnham
- D) Le Corbusier

2. The 'Garden City' movement, which proposed self-contained communities surrounded by greenbelts, was initiated in 1898 by whom?

- A) Patrick Geddes
- B) Ebenezer Howard
- C) Camillo Sitte
- D) Jane Jacobs

3. Which ancient civilization is credited with the earliest known use of a grid-based city plan, seen in sites like Mohenjo-Daro?

- A) The Romans
- B) The Egyptians
- C) The Indus Valley Civilization
- D) The Mesopotamians

4. In 1811, New York City adopted a major master plan that established the grid system for Manhattan; what is this plan officially called?

- A) The Manhattan Protocol
- B) The Commissioners' Plan
- C) The Empire Grid
- D) The Dutch Settlement Act

5. The 'City Beautiful' movement in the United States, which emphasized monumental grandeur and civic pride, gained major national attention after which 1893 event?

- A) The Philadelphia Centennial
- B) The World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago
- C) The New York World's Fair
- D) The Pan-American Exposition

6. What was the primary goal of the 'Law of the Indies', issued by the Spanish monarchy in 1573 for colonial settlements?

- A) To maximize agricultural output
- B) To standardize city design and grid patterns for colonial towns
- C) To enforce religious segregation
- D) To prioritize high-rise construction

7. The 1929 'Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs' is widely considered the first example of what type of urban planning?

- A) Transit-Oriented Development
- B) Metropolitan Regional Planning
- C) Vertical Zoning
- D) Sustainable Urbanism

8. Who authored the influential 1961 book 'The Death and Life of Great American Cities', which criticized mid-century urban renewal policies?

- A) Jane Jacobs
- B) Lewis Mumford
- C) Kevin Lynch
- D) James Rouse

9. Which city is famous for its 'Radial Plan', designed by architect Pierre Charles L'Enfant in 1791?

- A) Philadelphia
- B) Washington, D.C.
- C) Boston
- D) Chicago

10. The 'New Urbanism' movement gained significant momentum in the 1980s with the construction of which iconic Florida town?

- A) Celebration
- B) Seaside
- C) Coral Gables
- D) The Villages

11. What major London disaster in 1666 led to Christopher Wren's ambitious, though largely unbuilt, master plan for the city?

- A) The Great Plague
- B) The Great Fire
- C) The Blitz
- D) The Thames Flood

12. Which mid-20th-century urban planning project in St. Louis became a symbol of the failure of modernist public housing design due to its demolition in 1972?

- A) Cabrini-Green
- B) Pruitt-Igoe
- C) Techwood Homes
- D) The Bronx River Houses

13. In 1960, the city of Brasília was inaugurated as the new capital of Brazil; who was the lead urban planner behind its 'Pilot Plan'?

- A) Oscar Niemeyer
- B) Lúcio Costa
- C) Roberto Burle Marx
- D) Alfonso Reidy

14. The concept of 'Zoning' as a legal tool to regulate land use was first upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in which 1926 case?

- A) Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co.
- B) Shelley v. Kraemer
- C) Plessy v. Ferguson
- D) Brown v. Board of Education

15. Which English town is recognized as the first 'Garden City' built according to Ebenezer Howard's principles?

- A) Letchworth
- B) Welwyn
- C) Bournville
- D) Port Sunlight

16. The 1933 'Athens Charter', written by the CIAM (Congrès Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne), focused on which urban planning ideology?

- A) Historic Preservation
- B) Functionalism and the separation of urban functions
- C) Mixed-use development
- D) Organic city growth

17. What is the name of the 19th-century Spanish engineer who designed the 'Eixample' district of Barcelona, characterized by its octagonal blocks?

- A) Antoni Gaudí
- B) Ildefons Cerdà
- C) Josep Puig i Cadafalch
- D) Lluís Domènech i Montaner

18. The 'Dumbbell Tenement' design, common in late 19th-century New York, was primarily intended to address what?

- A) Structural instability
- B) Lack of light and ventilation
- C) Traffic congestion
- D) Overpopulation in public parks