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PART 6: PROPORTION & SCALE

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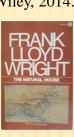


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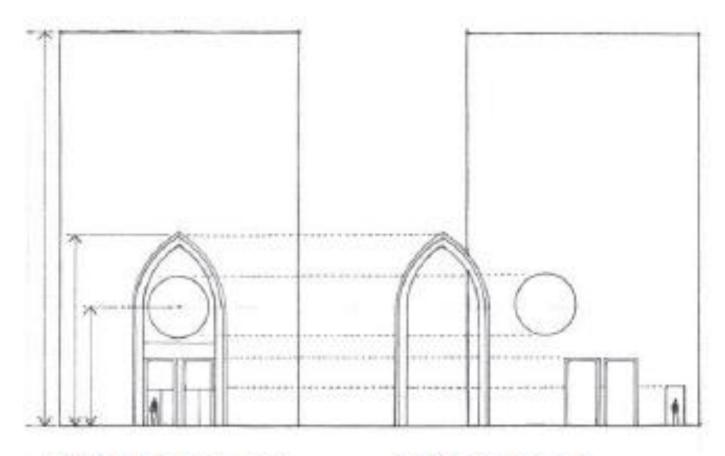


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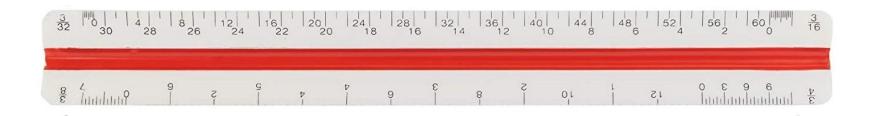
"SCALE is size compared to a reference" [1]



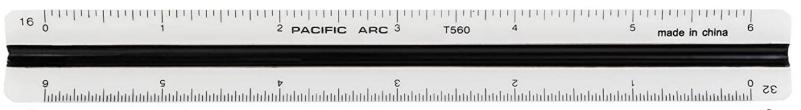
Mechanical scale: the size or proportion of something relative to an accepted standard of measurement. Visual scale: the size or proportion an element appears to have relative to other elements of known or assumed size.



Architect Scale

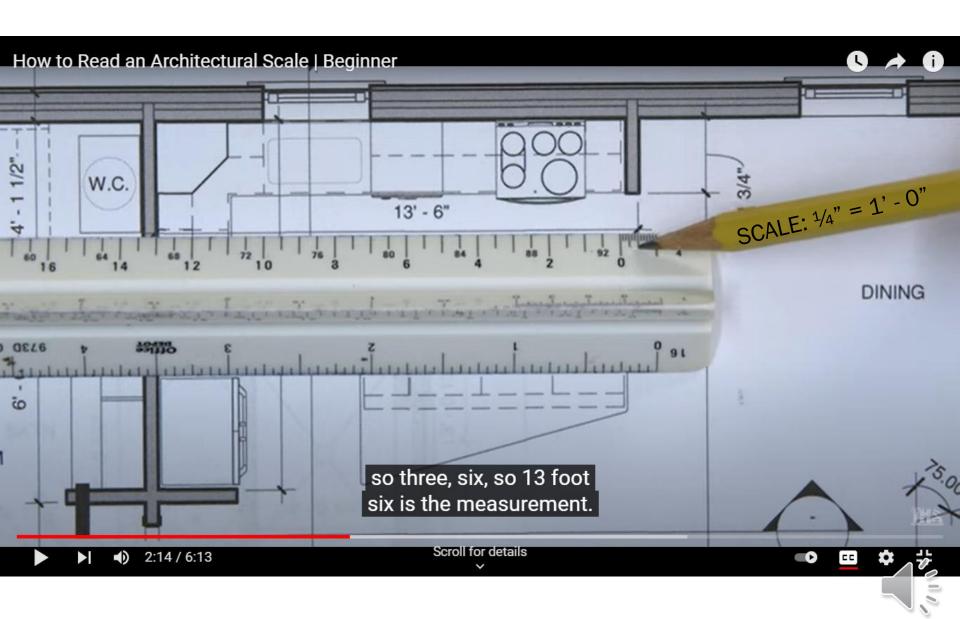






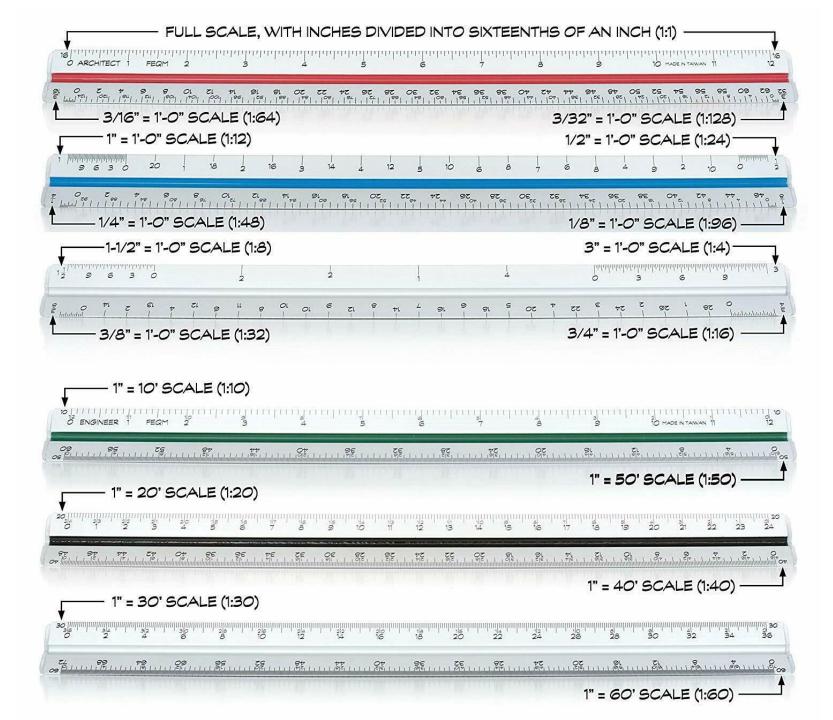


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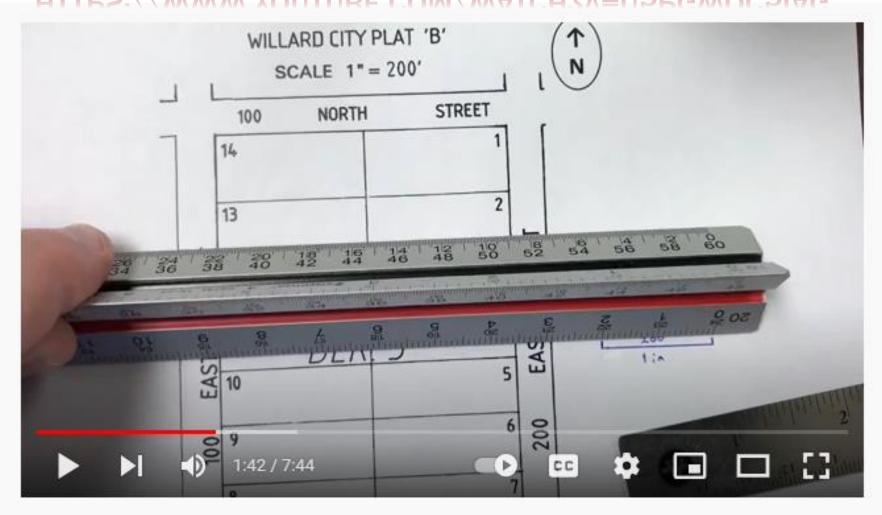




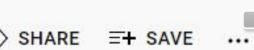




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Using an engineer scale



"VISUAL SCALE refers not to actual dimensions, but to how small or large something appears in relation to its normal size, or to the size of other things" [1]





"We speak of **URBAN SCALE** when a project is in the context of a city



or **NEIGHBORHOOD SCALE** when a building is appropriate to its locale





or **STREET SCALE** for relative sizes of elements fronting a roadway" [1]





"At scale of a building, we perceive size of each element in relation to other parts, or to the whole" [1]





"HUMAN SCALE is based on human body.

... We gauge a space whose width we can reach out and touch its walls

... We judge its **height** if we can reach up and touch the ceiling

Once we can no longer do these things, we rely on visual clues to give us a sense of scale "[1]





"For these clues, we use elements whose dimensions are related to dimensions of our **PACE**, **REACH**, **or GRASP**.

... a table or chair, the risers and treads of a stairway, or the sill of a window, not only help us judge the size of a space but also give it a human scale" [1]







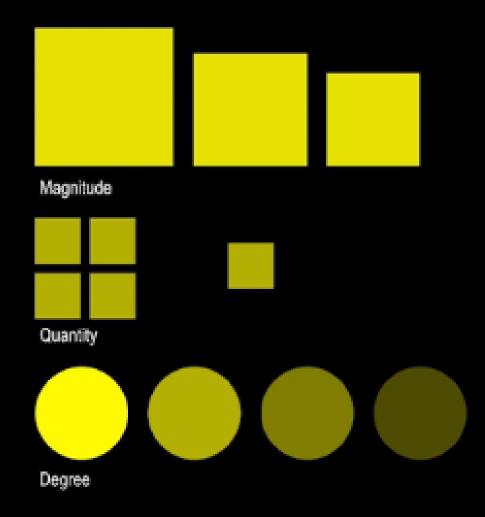
"in a room that is intimate in scale, we **FEEL COMFORTABLE**, **IN -CONTROL**, **or IMPORTANT**,

... a structure or urban space that is monumental in scale makes us **FEEL SMALL**" [1]



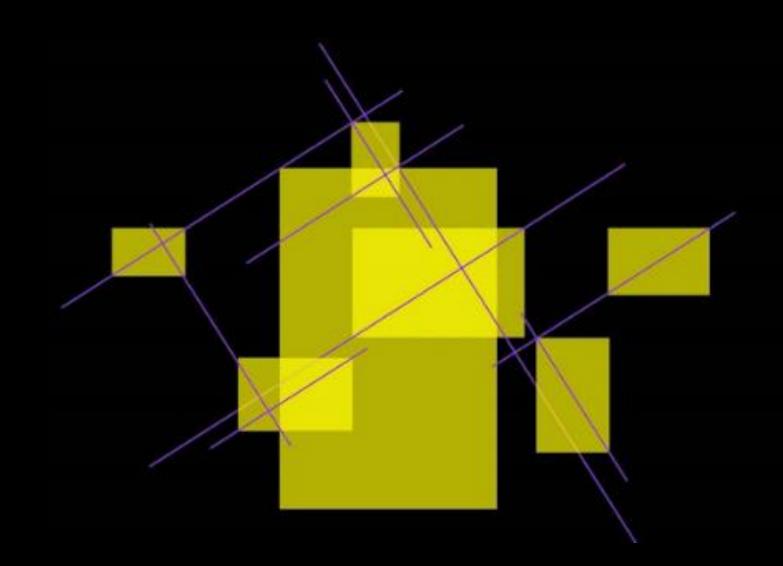


"PROPORTION is the harmonious relation (in Magnitude, Quantity, or Degree) of one part to another, or to the whole" [1]



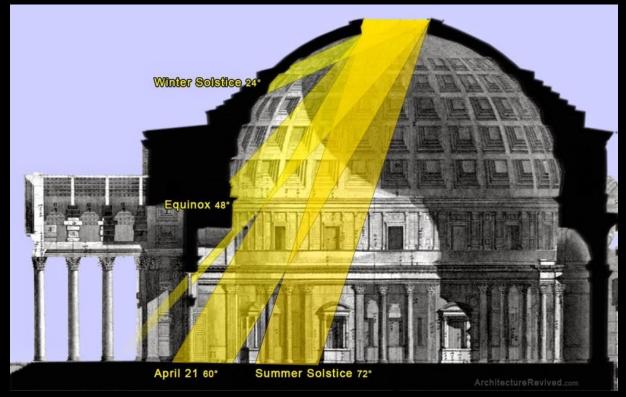


"REGULATING LINES, parallel or perpendicular, control the proportion and placement of elements" [1]





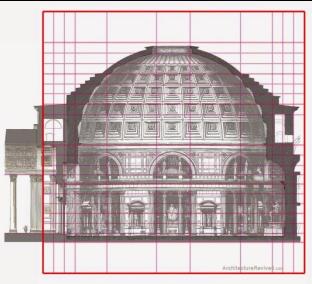
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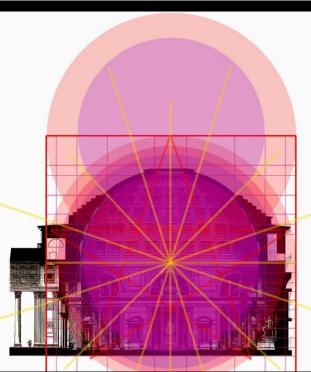


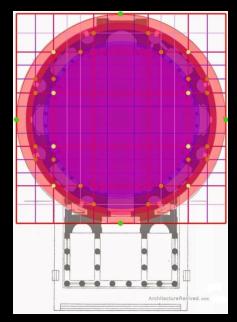
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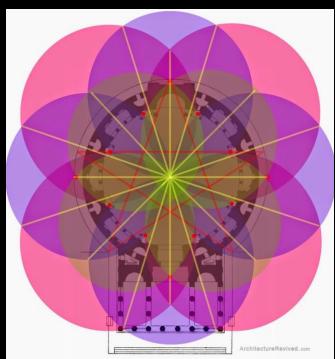


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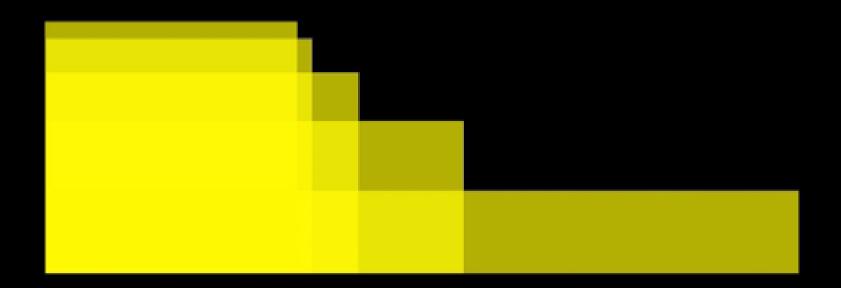






"A form can appear to be long, short, stubby, or squat, based on how we perceive its proportions

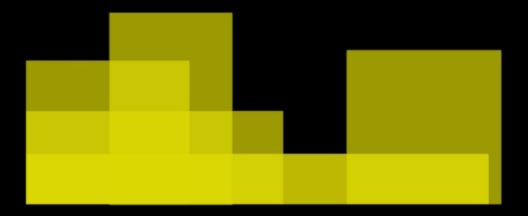
... a rectangle can appear square ... almost a square ... or very much unlike a square "[1]





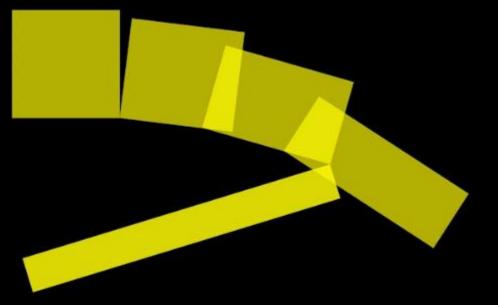
"While a composition of similarly proportioned elements may have a natural

unity,



... a composition of dissimilar proportions can still be organized in a unified manner utilizing ordering principles such as datum or rhythm" [1]

(see "PART 7 "PRINCIPLES")





"The proportional emphasis of a composition can be primarily horizontal ...







Frank Lloyd Wright's "PRAIRIE STYLE" emphasized the HORIZONTAL

"I extended horizontal spacing without enlarging the building by cutting out all the room partitions that did not serve the kitchen or give needed privacy... Freedom of floor space and elimination of useless Heights ...Sense of repose in flat planes and quiet streamline effects"



Frank Lloyd Wright

His PRAIRIE STYLE expands on his ORGANIC ARCHITECTURE

- "Planes close to earth identify with ground"
 - Complimenting wide open plains of the Midwest

His" **HORIZONTAL**" also emphasized by:

- + Low ceilings and bands of windows
- + Wall above window bands painted same color as ceiling
- + Bands of interior horizontal trim work
- + Extended roof overhangs, and long cantilevered balconies
- + Exterior facades of horizontal Board and Batten or Roman Brick (thin)
- + Folded Plane -- like origami ... "Continuity"....
 - "walls, ceilings, and floors become one"
- + Pin-wheeled Planes







Frank Lloyd Wright

Willets House Highland Park, IL

PRAIRIE STYLE









Frank Lloyd Wright

PRAIRIE STYLE



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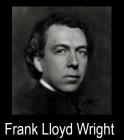
Frank W Thomas House Oak Park, IL



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PRAIRIE STYLE



B. Harley Bradley House Kankakee, IL







Frank Lloyd Wright

These three 1901 designs are each considered his first mature PRAIRIE- SCHOOL STYLE by different scholars

Willets House Highland Park, IL



Frank W Thomas House Oak Park, IL



B. Harley Bradley House Kankakee, IL



Even though FLW said that the Thomas house was the first of his prairie houses, he also said his earlier 1894 Winslow residence was a prairie style. The Thomas house is more of the mature established Prairie school style with all the accompanying features



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Frank Lloyd Wright

Prairie-school, three stories



William Frick House Oak Park, IL

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Frank Lloyd Wright



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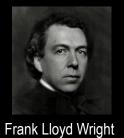


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Frank Lloyd Wright



HORIZONTAL Board and Batten



S. 063 John A. Mosher Residence, Ohio 1902

Brick laid to look like HORIZONTAL Board and Batten



Frank Lloyd Wright



Arthur and Grace Heurtley Residence Oak Park, IL

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Roman Brick (thin) – accentuates the HORIZONTAL



Frank Lloyd Wright



Darwin D. **Martin House**, Buffalo, NY



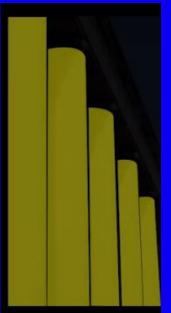
Roman brick used on a Wunderlich family residence (wife's father's home - "John Drozd") – for façade and chimney. Lemont IL, a suburb of Chicago in the 1950's.

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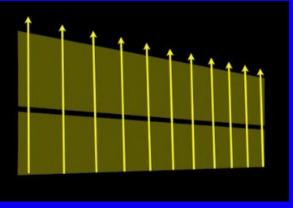


proportional emphasis of a composition can be primarily VERTICAL











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Lived here for three years in the 1980's

Austin Texas skyline



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proportional emphasis of a composition can be primarily VERTICAL

Lived here for three years in the 1980's



proportional emphasis of a composition can be primarily VERTICAL

Lived here for two years in the 1980's

San Francisco California skyline

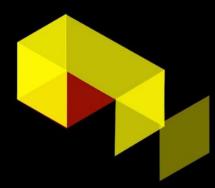


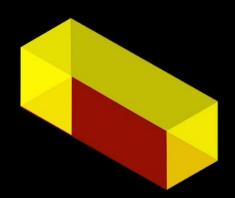


"proportional constraints on form by materials or structure, control proportion of forms and spaces

... To make a room square or oblong







... intimate or lofty in scale,



... or imposing, with higher-than-normal facade [1]



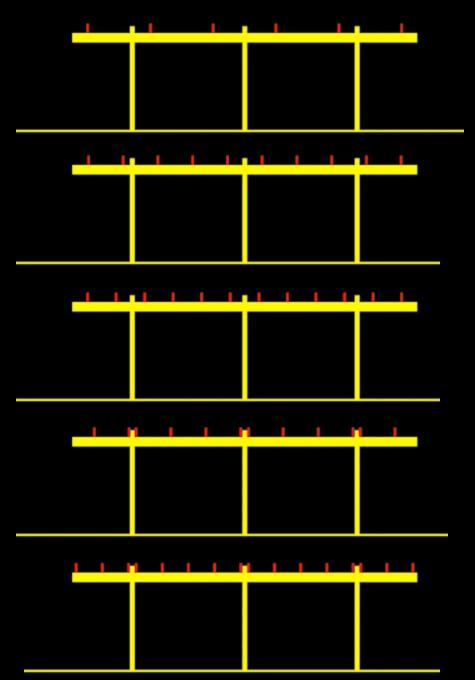


" Is there a point at which the overhead plane becomes visually too much for its supporting visual mass?

Or a point at which the supporting visual structure becomes too light to support the overhead plane?" [1]

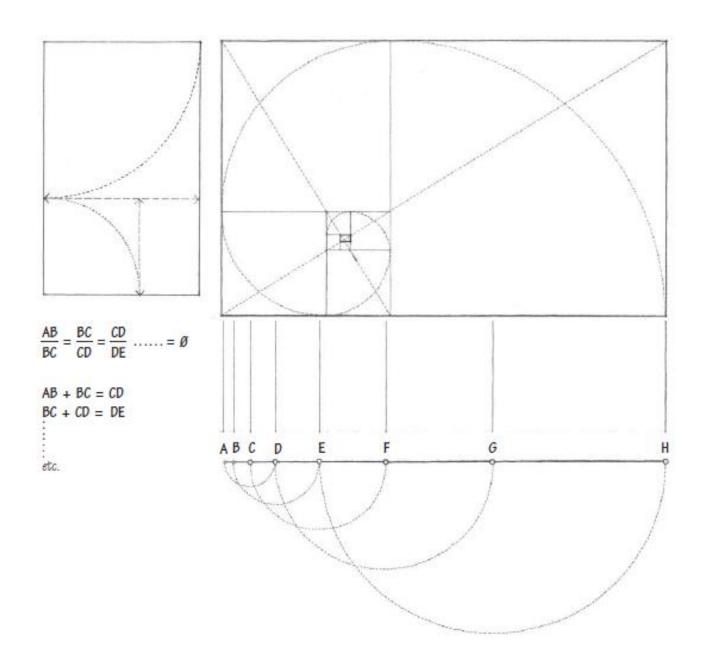


"At what point does this array of trellising appear to be properly spaced?" [1]



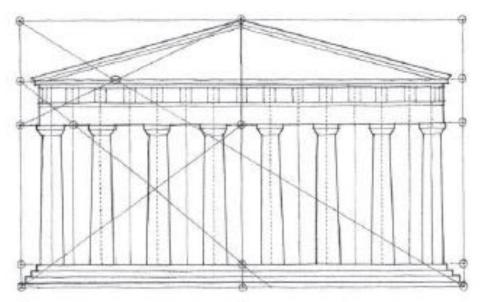


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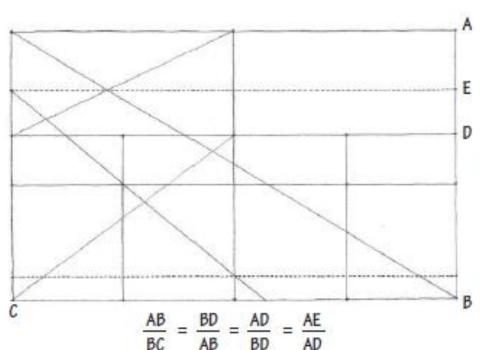




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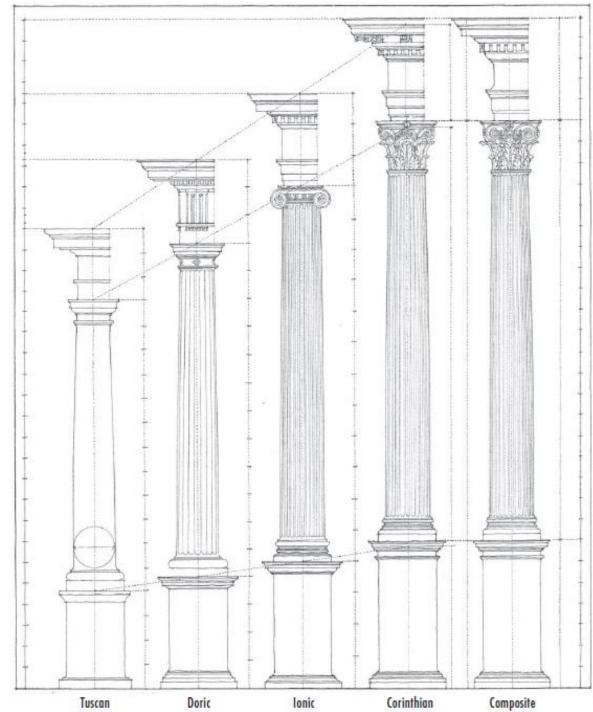


The Parthenon, Athens, 447-432 B.C., Ictinus and Callicrates



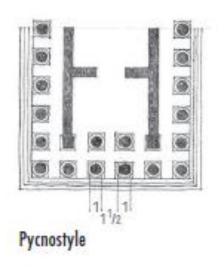


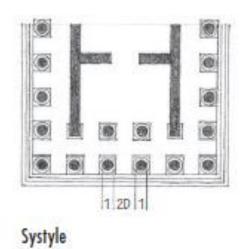
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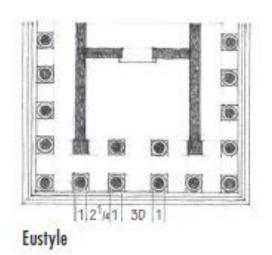


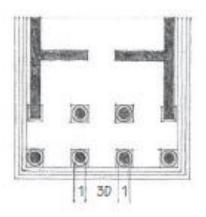


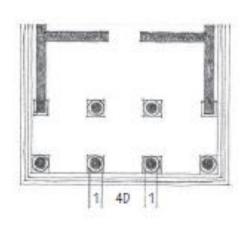
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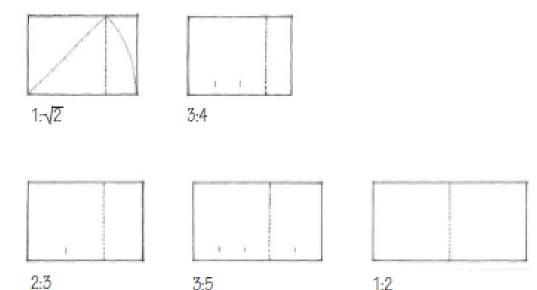
Classification of Temples according to their Intercolumniation



RENAISSANCE THEORY

Seven Ideal Plan Shapes for Rooms.

Andrea Palladio (1508–1580) was probably the most influential architect of the Italian Renaissance. In *The Four Books on Architecture*, first published in Venice in 1570, he followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, Alberti and Serlio, and proposed these seven "most beautiful and proportionable manners of rooms."





RENAISSANCE THEORY

Determining the Heights of Rooms.

Palladio also proposed several methods for determining the height of a room so that it would be in proper proportion to the room's width and length. The height of rooms with flat ceilings would be equal to their width. The height of square rooms with vaulted ceilings would be one-third greater than their width. For other rooms, Palladio used Pythagoras' theory of means to determine their heights. Accordingly, there were three types of means: arithmetic, geometric, and harmonic.

Arithmetic:

$$\frac{c-b}{b-a} = \frac{c}{c}$$
 (e.g., 1, 2, 3...or 6, 9, 12)

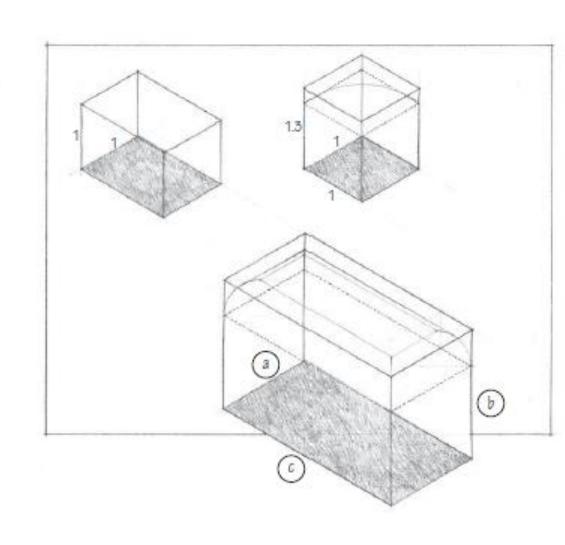
Geometric:

$$\frac{c-b}{b-a} = \frac{c}{b}$$
 (e.g., 1, 2, 4...or 4, 6, 9)

Harmonic:

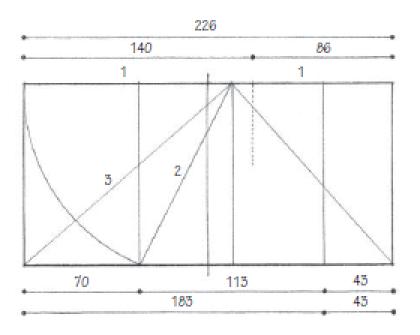
$$\frac{c-b}{b-a} = \frac{c}{a}$$
 (e.g., 2, 3, 6...or 6, 8, 12)

In each case, the height of a room is equal to the mean (b) between the two extremes of the width (a) and length (c) of the room.



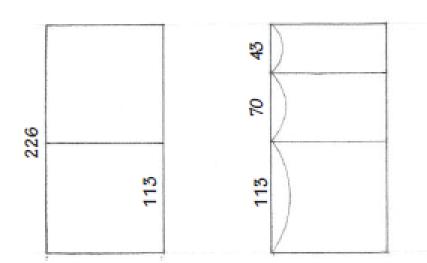


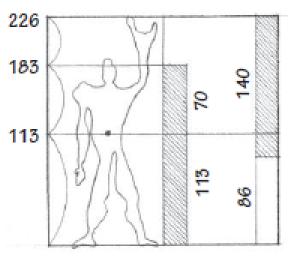
"MODULOR" - by Le Corbusier



Le Corbusier developed his proportioning system, the Modulor, to order "the dimensions of that which contains and that which is contained." He saw the measuring tools of the Greeks, Egyptians, and other high civilizations as being "infinitely rich and subtle because they formed part of the mathematics of the human body, gracious, elegant, and firm, the source of that harmony which moves us, beauty." He therefore based his measuring tool, the Modulor, on both mathematics (the aesthetic dimensions of the Golden Section and the Fibonacci Series), and the proportions of the human body (functional dimensions).

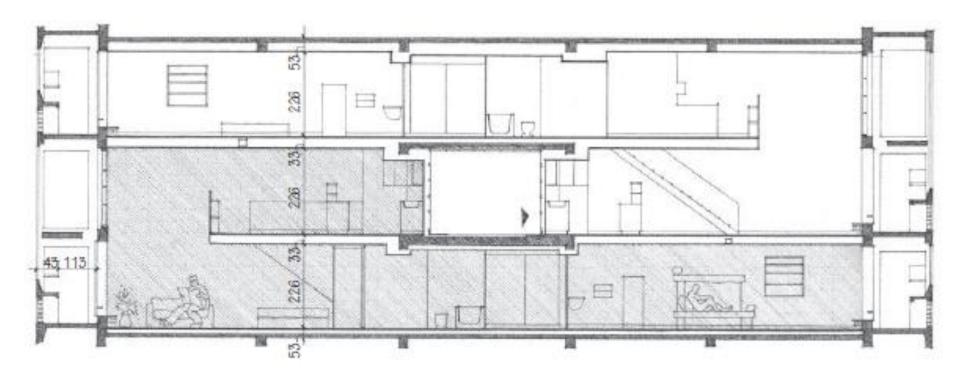
Le Corbusier began his study in 1942, and published The Modulor: A Harmonious Measure to the Human Scale Universally Applicable to Architecture and Mechanics in 1948. A second volume, Modulor II, was published in 1954.

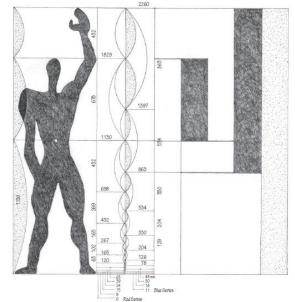






"MODULOR" - by Le Corbusier







Le Corbusier

Unité d'Habitation

Marseille, France 1945

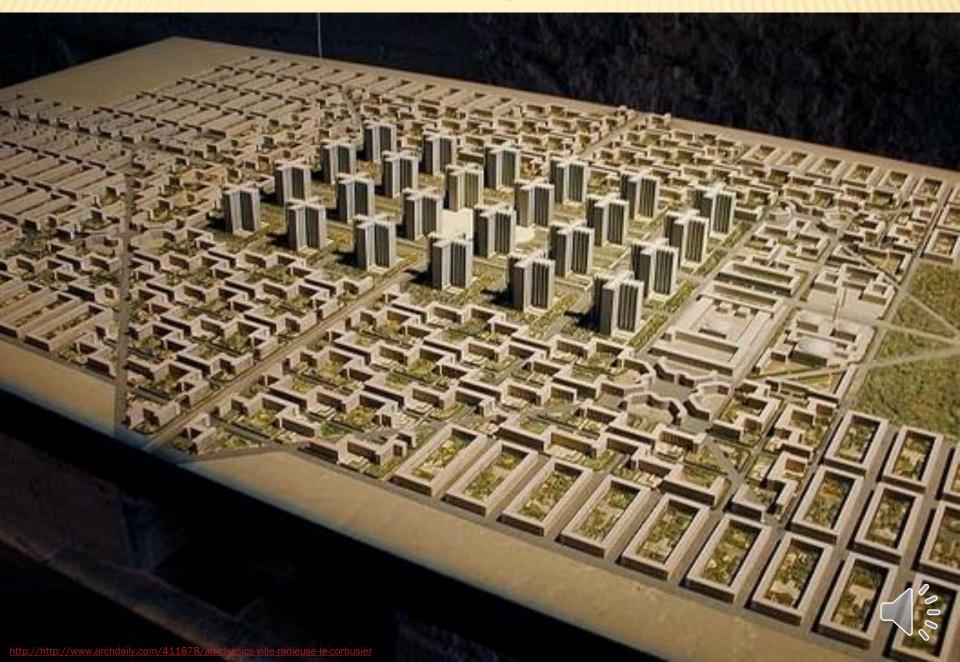
Le Corbusier
Villa Savoye
Poissy, France 1931

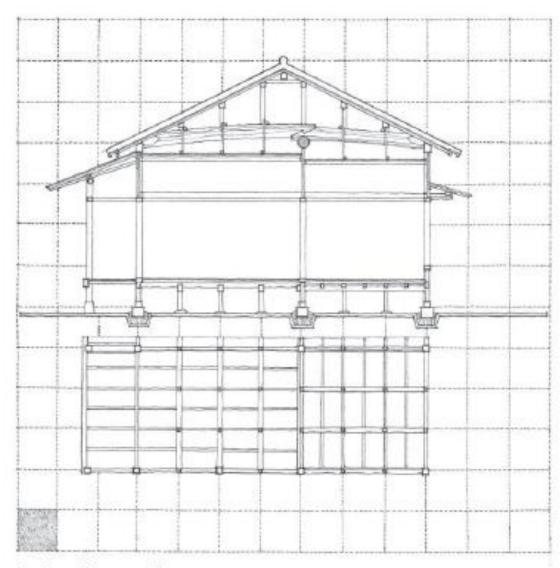






Le Corbusier - a planned city concept:





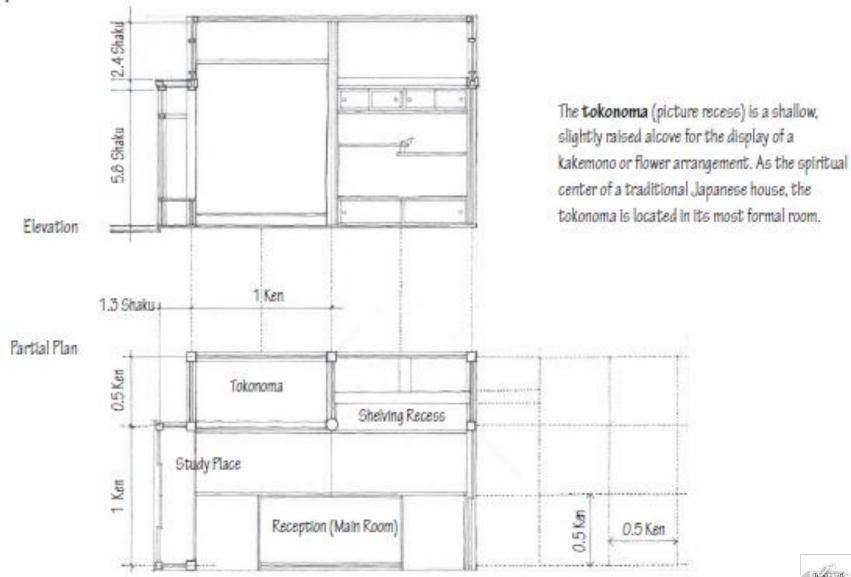
Traditional Japanese House

The traditional Japanese unit of measure, the shaku, was originally imported from China. It is almost equivalent to the English foot and divisible into decimal units. Another unit of measure, the ken, was introduced in the latter half of Japan's Middle Ages. Although it was originally used simply to designate the interval between two columns and varied in size, the ken was soon standardized for residential architecture. Unlike the module of the Classical Orders, which was based on the diameter of a column and varied with the size of a building, the ken became an absolute measurement.

The ken, however, was not only a measurement for the construction of buildings. It evolved into an aesthetic module that ordered the structure, materials, and space of Japanese architecture.

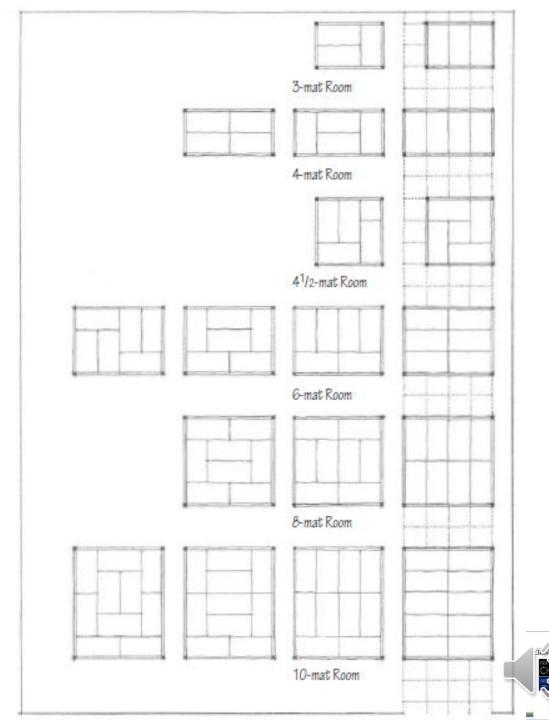


Traditional Japanese House





Two methods of designing with the ken modular grid developed that affected its dimension. In the Inakama method, the ken grid of 6 shaku determined the center-to-center spacing of columns. Therefore, the standard tatami floor mat (3 x 6 shaku or 0.5 x 1 ken) varied slightly to allow for the thickness of the columns.

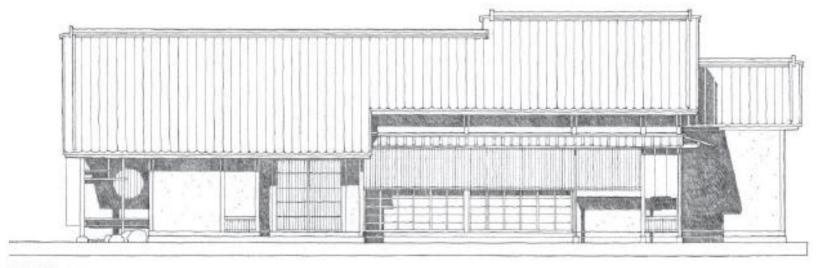




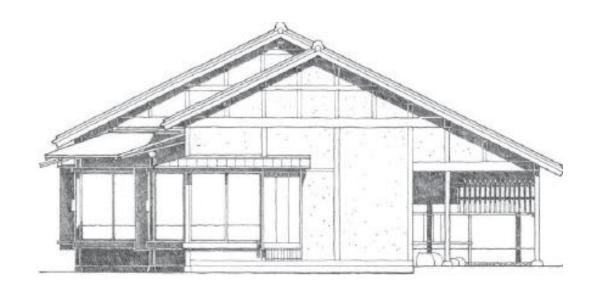
In a typical Japanese residence, the ken grid orders the structure as well as the additive, space-to-space sequence of rooms. The relatively small size of the module allows the rectangular spaces to be freely arranged in linear, staggered, or clustered patterns.



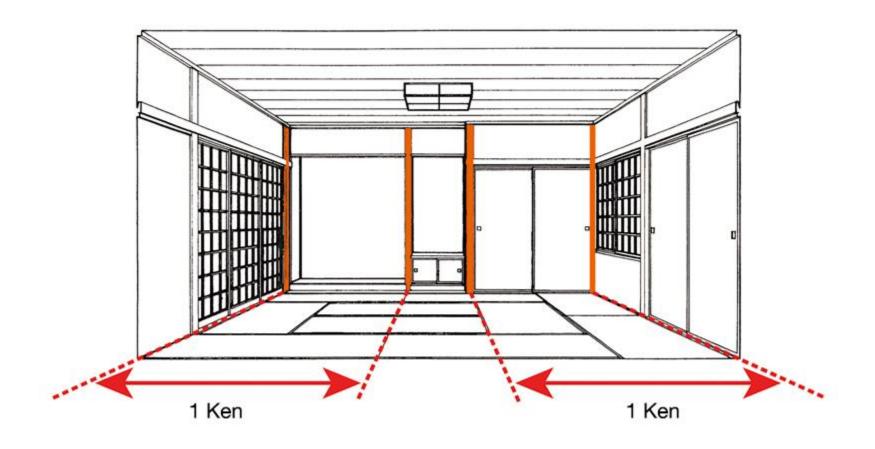
Elevations of a Traditional Japanese Residence



North Elevation







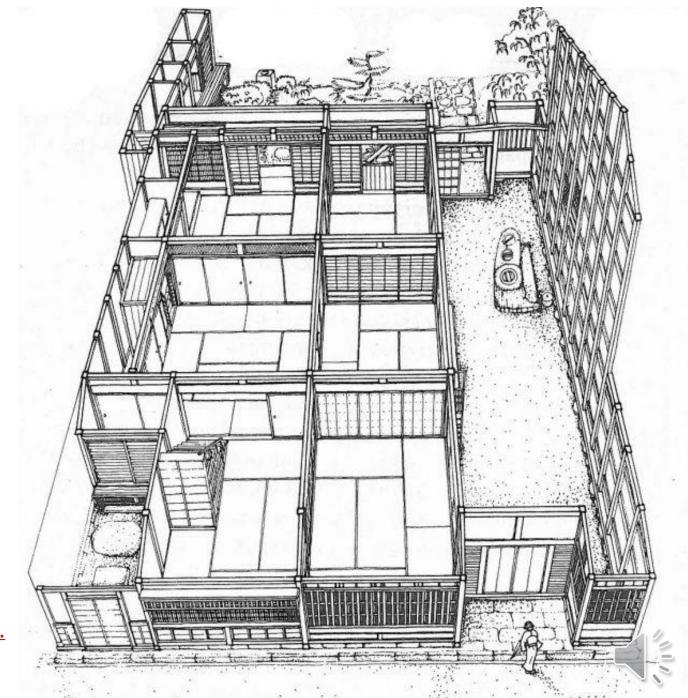
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"KEN" – in Japan



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"Modularity" in Frank Lloyd Wright's textile houses

Ennis House in Los Angeles

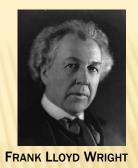


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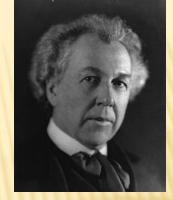
AGE 56 (1923)



- STILL Recovering from shock & Trauma of Mistress's 1914 murder?!
- Creates more Mayan Pre-Columbian type Architecture in California
 - + TEXTILE HOUSES
 - × Tomblike and reminiscent of Mayan burial rituals (and human sacrifice)
 - * He's arguably still feeling the trauma of the murder of his mistress



Textile Houses



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT





MILLIARD HOUSE IN LOS ANGELES, 1923

Textile Houses

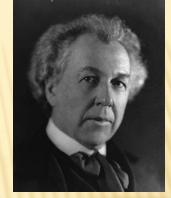


FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT



JOHN STORRER HOUSE IN LOS ANGELES, 1923

Textile Houses



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT





MODULARITY "Structured ART"

His "Textiles" in his Textile houses



Figure 1: Millard House/block detail, Pasadena, CA. Freeman House/block detail, Hollywood, CA. Photos Angela Paola Vargas, 2004.

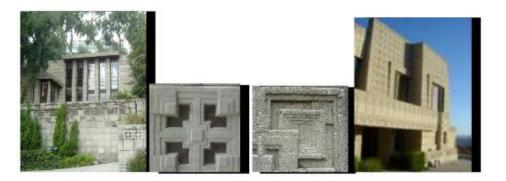
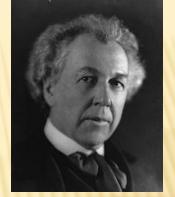


Figure 2: Storer House/block detail, Hollywood, CA. Ennis-Brown House/block detail, Hollywood, CA. Photos Angela Paola Vargas, 2004.



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

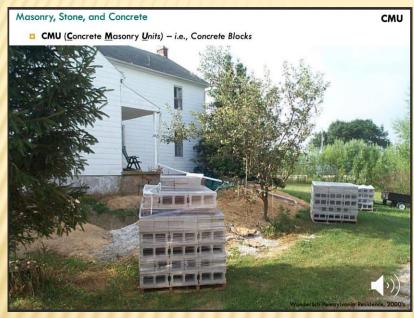
Cast concrete shapes, in **unit sizes**, with Mayan patterns, and
woven together with steel
reinforcing bars (Rebar)

From

The textile block system: seismic analysis and upgrading. A. P. Vargas & G. G. Schierle, USC School of Architecture, Los Angeles, CA, USA, WIT Transactions on State of the Art in Science and Engineering, Vol 62,2013 WIT Press.

MODULARITY "Structured ART"

His **TEXTILE BLOCKS** are like present day Concrete Masonry Units (**CMU**) referred to in layman's terms as concrete blocks





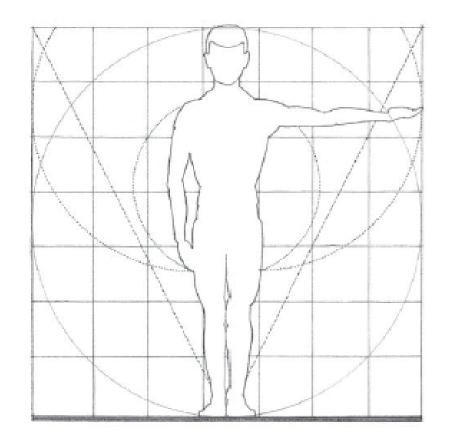
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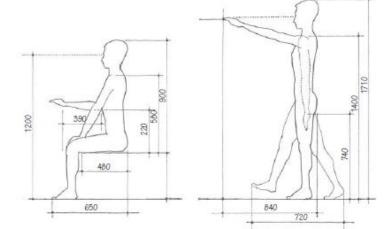


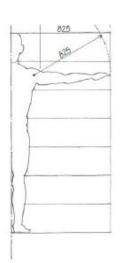


ANTHROPOMETRY



Anthropometry refers to the measurement of the size and proportions of the human body. While the architects of the Renaissance saw the proportions of the human figure as a reaffirmation that certain mathematical ratios reflected the harmony of their universe, anthropometric proportioning methods seek not abstract or symbolic ratios, but functional ones. They are predicated on the theory that forms and spaces in architecture are either containers or extensions of the human body and should therefore be determined by its dimensions.

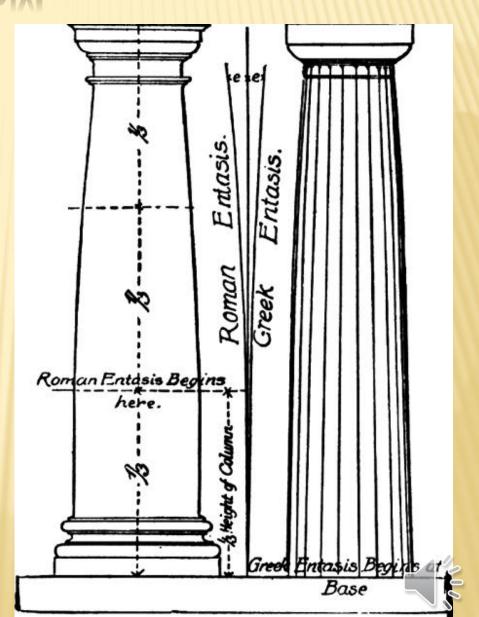






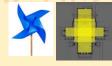
ANTHROPOMORPHISM

- * Animate the inanimate
 - + Equate columns with humans
 - "Entasis" in columns is a slight curvature to resemble hips



ORGANIC ARCHITECTURE DESIGN

CONFORM TO SITE, sun, topography, environment PINWHEELED PLANES -- CRUCIFORM



- PRAIRIE-SCHOOL, BROAD CENTRAL CHIMNEY, LONG CANTILEVERS (overhangs & balconies)

Lloyd

Wright

Frank

FOLDED PLANE like origami ...continuity...walls, ceilings, and floors become one

SIMPLE GEOMETRIES

HUMAN SCALE

OPEN FLOOR PLAN

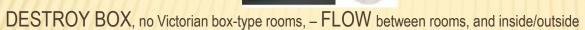
FROEBEL BLOCKS



UNITARIAN MOTHER Teacher



Japanese Buddhism & Shintoism, with some roots in Chinese Philosophy



- Walls become screens, BANDS of WINDOWS, FRAME VIEWS like ENGAWA
- Use MATERIALS IN NATURAL STATE -- same on exterior and interior

FORM and FUNCTON are one! Harmony, not one following other, secondarily

A UNIFIED WHOLE - inside and out - ORCHESTRATE SUN

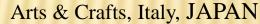
BRING NATURE OUT OF MATERIALS, but Innovate (Textile Blocks, Modular "Ken" Design, etc.)

STRUCTURAL ART like in Nature (e.g., the veins in Leaves) - Interior space made exterior as architecture

SOFT WARM OPTIMISTIC COLOR TONES of earth, and autumn leaves

ASSIMILATE FIXTURES into structure, BUILT-IN FURNITURE many plants & planters

ARCHITECTURE = MUSIC





MUSICIAN Preacher **FATHER**



ARCHITECT MENTOR Louis Sullivan









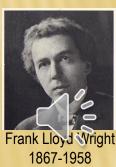




NOTE: COMPRESSION & RELEASE is not Organic Design, but commonly used by FLW to cramp/hide entries so as to magnify destination Architecture

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