

# FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, AMERICAN ARCHITECT

Frank Lloyd Wright turned the American house into an art form expressive of the freedom so important to Americans, through integrating our daily lives with the natural world in which we live. Wright devoted his career to defining an architectural form that was uniquely American – an architecture that particularly responded to the new American democracy. His organic architecture aimed to capture the endless freedom of the western frontier by designing houses with horizontal aspects, interior spaces which opened freely to the outdoors, and a harmonious use of materials and pattern – all to create an environment of freedom and repose.

Frank Lloyd Wright's 75-year career was prolific. He designed over 1,100 buildings, wrote numerous books and articles on his own work, and lived long enough to be interviewed at least twice on television. He has become America's most famous architect, and one of America's most famous artists. Interest in Frank Lloyd Wright continues to grow.

This interdisciplinary unit focuses on the basic elements of Wright's architecture and what makes it distinctly American. In particular, the unit focuses on the influence that other American thinkers had on Frank Lloyd Wright, especially in the American reverence for all things natural. The unit also makes use of Wright's own thoughts, through his writings and an interview.

## BEST RESOURCES

- **Frank Lloyd Wright: His Life and His Architecture**, Robert Twombly
- **Understanding Frank Lloyd Wright's Architecture**, Donald Hoffmann
- **Frank Lloyd Wright and Nature**, Donald Hoffmann
- **Years With Frank Lloyd Wright: Apprentice to Genius**, Edgar Tafel
- **Frank Lloyd Wright: Master Builder**, Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer
- **Frank Lloyd Wright: Collected Writings, Volumes 1-5**, edited by Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer.
- **Frank Lloyd Wright for Kids**, Kathleen Thorne-Thomsen
- **The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright** video
- **Frank Lloyd Wright: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick**
- [www.franklloydwright.org](http://www.franklloydwright.org)

The books and videos are available for purchase through the Fallingwater Museum Store.



