

THE WRIGHT WAY OF BUILDING

This is a visual introduction to Frank Lloyd Wright's career, using 18 of his most notable buildings.

Materials:

- Photographs and floor plans of Wright Buildings—cut out cards from following pages

For each building there is a photographic view and a floor plan. Distribute these cards among the students and have them match up the floor plan with its respective building view.

Floor plans are a very important communication tool for architects. Floor plans tell you how the space is going to be divided up in a building. They can tell you how large the building is and how to move through it. Elevations tell you what the building will look like from the outside, how tall it is, and how much glass there is.

If you're not used to it, reading floor plans can be a bit confusing. Before you distribute the floor plans and photographs, you may want to read a floor plan together as a group, then have the students match the drawings to the photographs.

Discuss with the students how they found their match. What architectural element was their clue?

As an extension of this activity, ask them to put the pairs in chronological order. How have the buildings changed? How have they remained the same?

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

AN AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE

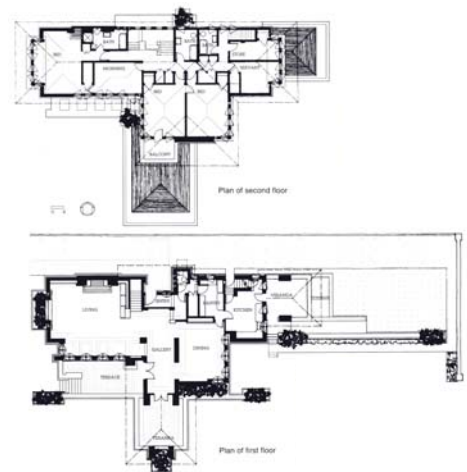
Using the Wright quotes, have students comment on their buildings in respect to Wright's words about his own architecture.



Dana Thomas House
Springfield, IL
1902



Meyer May House
Grand Rapids, MI
1908

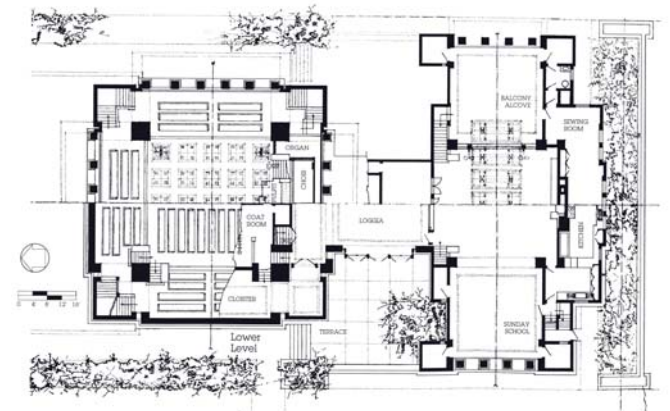
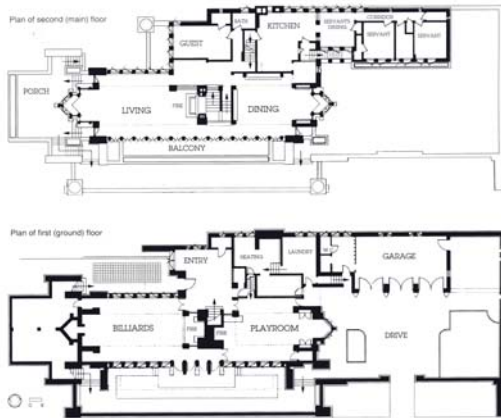




Robie House
Chicago, IL
1906



Unity Temple
Oak Park, IL
1904

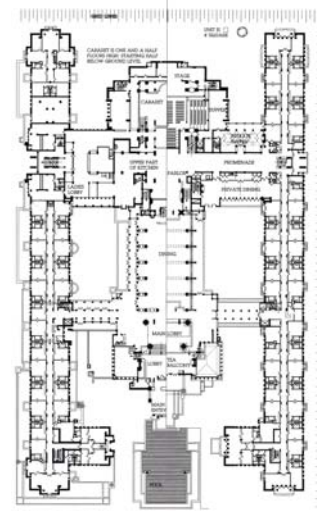
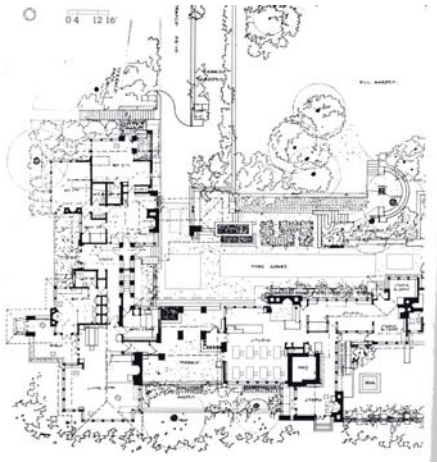




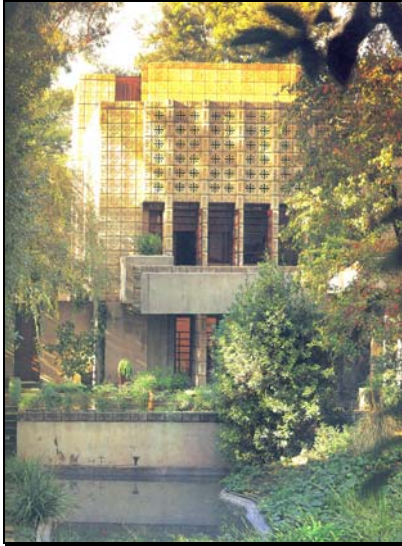
Taliesin
Spring Green, WI
1911



Imperial Hotel
Tokyo, Japan
1915



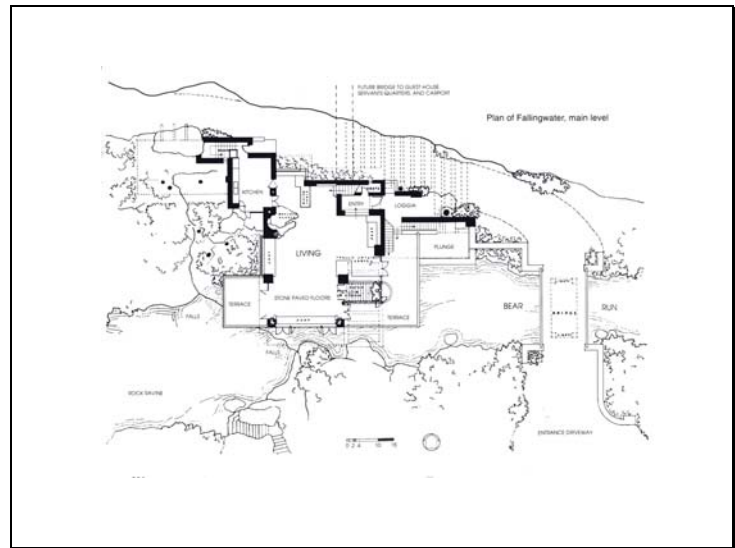
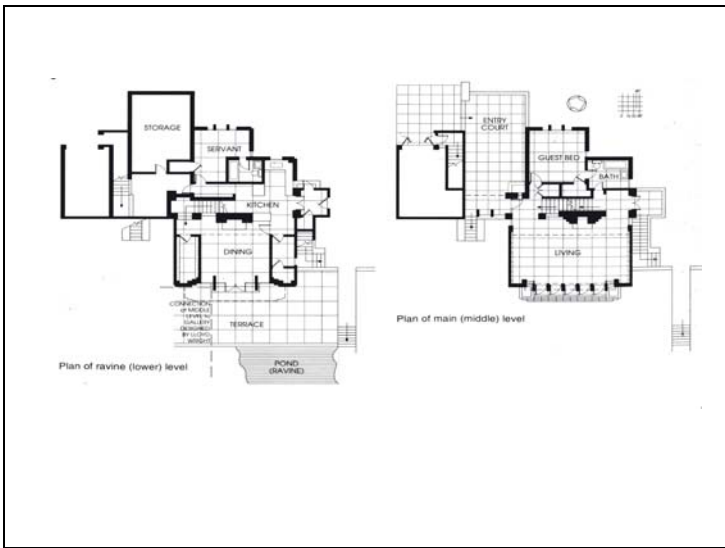
Plan of first and second levels



La Miniatura
Pasadena, CA
1923

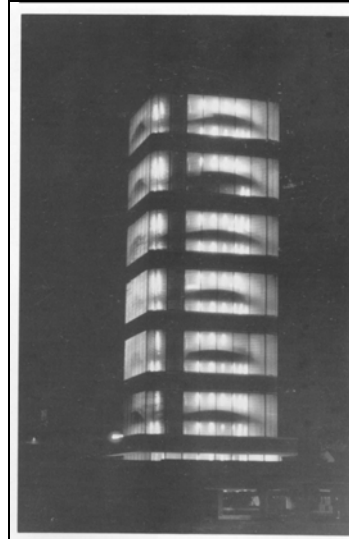


Fallingwater
Mill Run, PA
1935

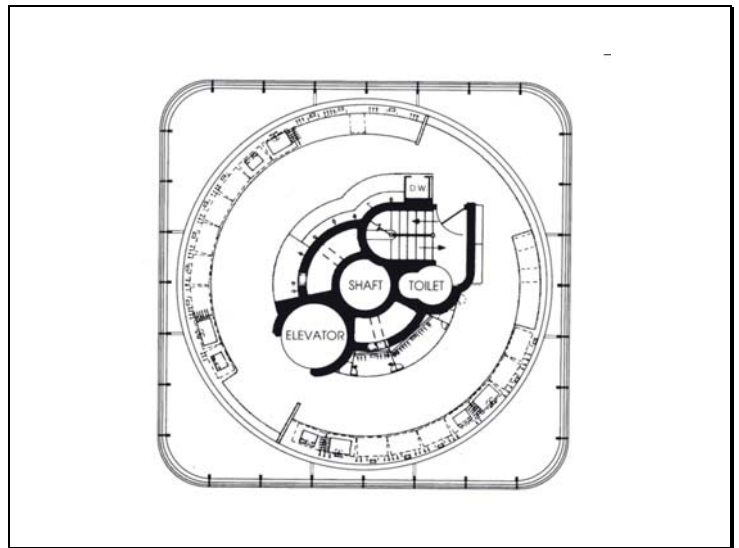
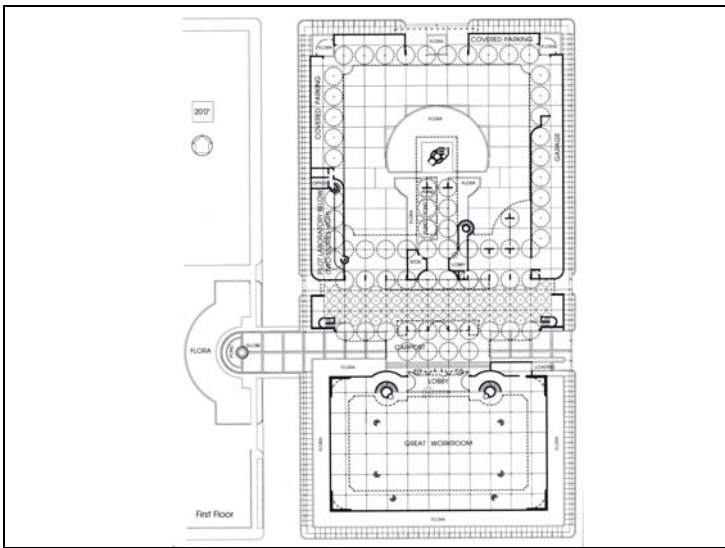




Johnson Wax Headquarters
Racine, WI
1936



Johnson Wax Research Tower
Racine, WI
1944

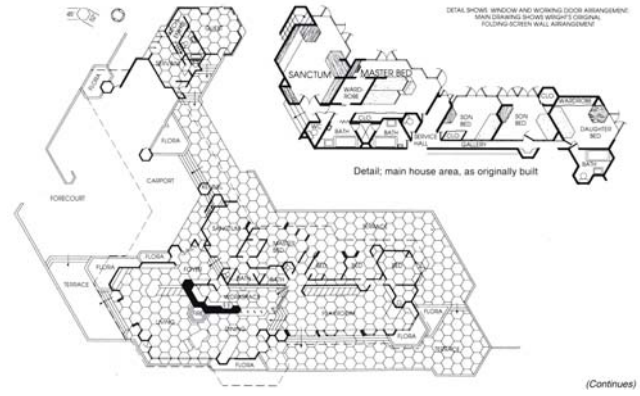




Jacobs I
Madison, WI
1936



Hanna House
Palo Alto, CA
1936



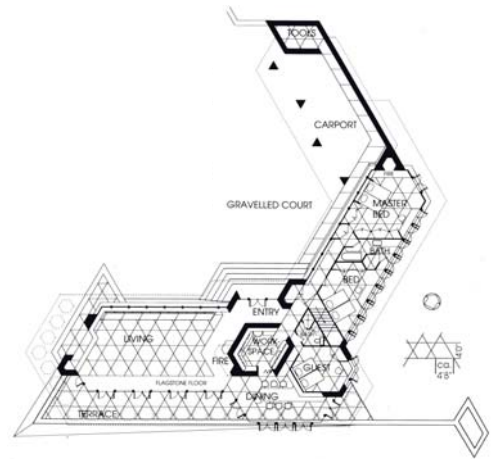
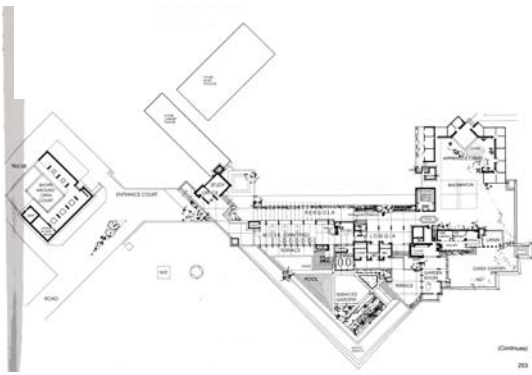
(Continues)



Taliesin West
Scottsdale, AZ
1937



Kentuck Knob
Ohiopyle, PA





Marin County Civic Center
San Rafael, CA
1957



Guggenheim Museum
New York, NY
1943-1959

