### **Postmodern Architecture**

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Restoring Context

# Priority of Architecture in the Discourse on Postmodernism

1. domain of architecture experienced a clear and delimited modernist phase
2. architecture is closely linked to development of capitalism

# What is Modernism in Architecture?

- origin in utopian architectural theory of the Bauhaus
  Walter Gropius, Mies van der Rohe, Le
  - Corbusier

Modernist Architecture stressed necessity for break with past identity and unity of architectural work all aesthetic elements reduced to functional self-sufficiency expression of the new employment of new techniques of construction

#### Modernist Architecture

exemplary status of architecture expression of spirit of the age
in discovering its own essence, architecture discovered essence of modernity itself
lack of ambivalence concerning economic changes

#### International Style

- expresses simple geometrical intensity called for by Bauhaus
- skyscraper
- postmodernism launched against the tyranny of international style

#### Traits of Postmodernism in Architecture

1. against univocity

2. play of connotation - restoration of referential function

♦ 3. architecture as language

♦ 4. embrace of ornamentation

♦ 5. movement from "text" to "context"

♦ 6. rejection of "heroic individualism"

### Traits of Postmodernism

7. plural coding
8. openness to past - pluralism

#### Modernist Buildings

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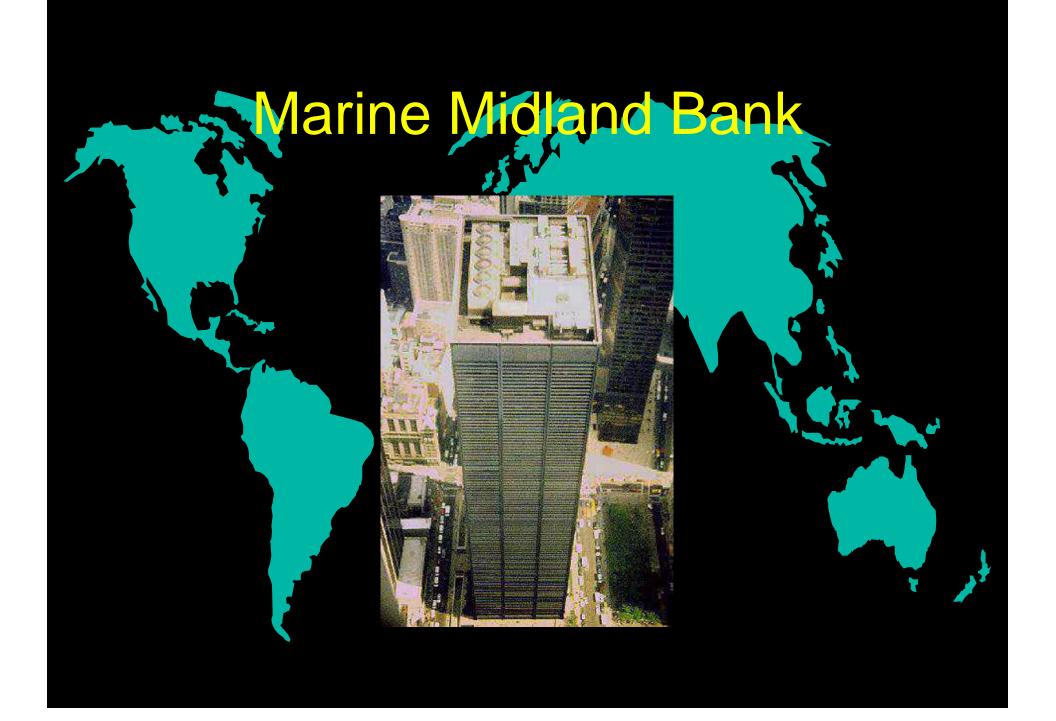
The Skyscraper and the International

Style













# Tishman Building



## Postmodern Buildings

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