



# Postmodern Architecture

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

The Skyscraper and the International  
Style

# CBS Building “The Black Rock”



# Chase Manhattan



# Chemical Bank



# Marine Midland Bank



# MetLife



# Seagram Building



# Tishman Building





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# Postmodern Buildings

# One Worldwide Plaza



# 599 Lexington



# Citicorp



IBM



# Philip Morris



# Trump Tower

