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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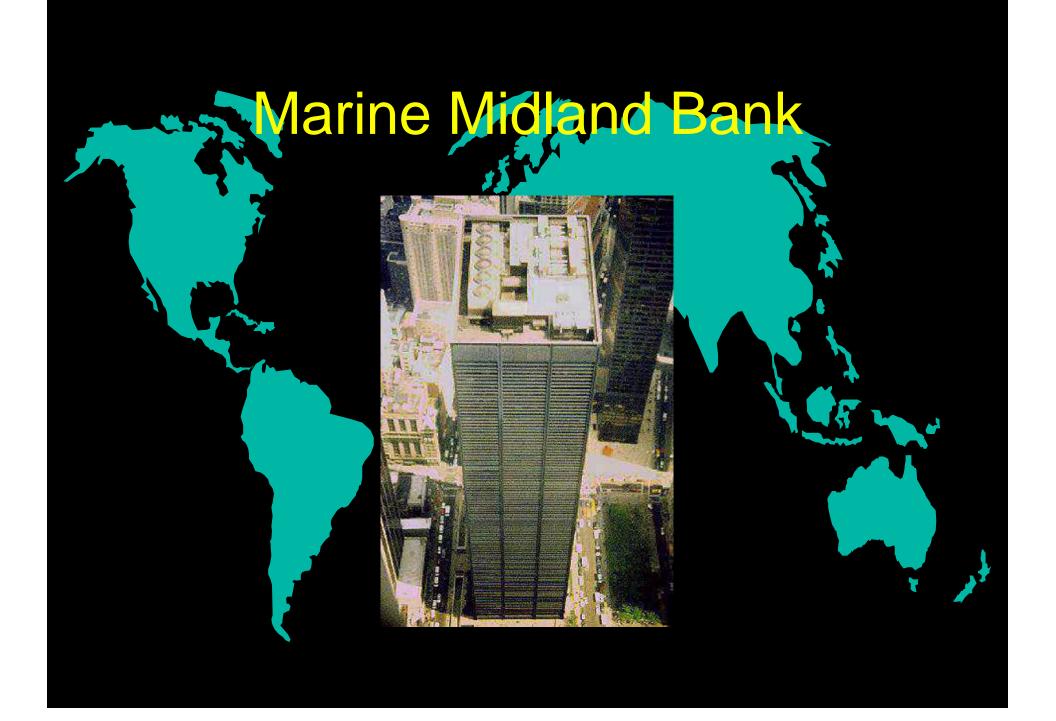
The Skyscraper and the International

Style













Tishman Building



Postmodern Buildings

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