

Student Essay on A Biography of Frank Loyd Wright

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Essay

Frank Lloyd Wright was born on June 8, 1867 in Richland center, Wisconsin. Frank was considered one of the best architects that have walked the earth. Frank was enrolled in the University of Wisconsin hoping to get a degree in architecture in 1884, although this college didn't have an architectural course he took civil engineering class and worked part time on a project at the University. After leaving school he left to Chicago and joined a architect firm. At this firm he found a mentor by the name of Louis Sullivan. Frank served as chief assistant for several years, than he opened up his own firm in 1893.

Franks main style was prairie houses. Prairie houses are houses that have gently slighted roofs and usually were two floors with single story wings, they also had very large overhangs and often there were hidden gardens. Frank was a big fan of making his houses have gardens that tied in with the house. Frank also created the philosophy of organic architecture. Organic architecture is a building with its natural surroundings. Frank was against mechanical imposition; he believed that they environmental surroundings should determine architecture. He also believed that if your designing a building or something you should also use natural colors and textures. Frank was also one of the first people to start using cinder bocks with metal rods. A lot of people opposed Franks methods because they liked being more conventional. Even though a lot of people opposed Franks methods he was the one that originated a lot of the architectural technique that is used today.

One of Franks famous houses was a house that was built over a small waterfall, it used a lot of glass and is a very sharp building with very distinct lines. One of his other famous houses was the Hollyhock house built for the theater community this building used a lot of stone and was built on a thirty-acre lot.

After working on houses for about 30 years during the 1950's he started designing colleges, corporate headquarters, museums and private houses. This was during the end of his life. Frank Lloyd Wright died on April 9, 1959, he was well over his nineties. He died right after he completed a design for a mile high office building.

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