



AP Art History 2000 Student Samples

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5. What technological innovations enabled the construction of skyscrapers such as this one? Discuss this building as an example of the International Style in architecture. (10 minutes)

Van Der Roë, the creator of the Seagram building shown here, argued the ~~phrase~~ concept that "less is ~~better~~ more."

With certain technological innovations such as the development of the elevator by Otis in 1889 and the production of steel ^{and panels of glass} ~~for~~ ^{more efficient} building purposes, architects were able to construct skyscrapers that served as ~~total~~ ^{models} for practicality and modernism.

^{smooth} The International Style was characterized by a stark simplicity. In a complete reduction of ornamentation, ^{as this Seagram building} ~~this movement~~ ^{abolished and} ~~popularized~~ ^{by the Bauhaus} sought to discard the pretentious ⁱⁿ architecture and strip structure down to their essentials. ~~It was~~ Abstract and Minimalistic, the International Style ruled many years of the 20th century with practitioners such as Le Corbusier and Van Der Roë, shown here.

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5. What technological innovations enabled the construction of skyscrapers such as this one? Discuss this building as an example of the International Style in architecture. (10 minutes)

The invention of steel enabled the construction of skyscrapers. Steel is light weight & very strong therefore allowing buildings to be built higher. This building shows International Style by the ordinary style & structure that is found globally. Certain styles are found everywhere and this tall, ordinary, rectangular shape is one of them.