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**STUDY GUIDE**
**SIGNIFIGANT DESIGNERS**

1) **Alvar Aalto** – Finnish architect and interior designer known for his work with laminated plywood used in stackable chairs, tables and stools. Specifically, he holds a patent for the bent wood leg used for his stools. Also known for his organic shaped glassware.

2) **Laura Ashley** – English born, known for feminine, floral patterns, often seen in chintz. She was responsible for reintroducing small-scale positive/negative prints from the Victorian Era. She and here husband began the Laura Ashley company, which is established worldwide, and deals primarily with home furnishings and decorations, and women and children's apparel.

3) **Billy Baldwin** – Early American designer known for a simple, luxurious style. He designed spaces for many of the rich and famous (Jacqueline Onassis) from 1935 – the early 1970's. Signature style: Dark walls and white upholstery that was often heavily starched, tailored cottons and linens.

4) **Ward Bennett** – American designer known as the founder of "high Tech Design". He was an apprentice to Le Corbusier in Paris and was a bit of a minimalist, favoring the industrial style and modern furniture. His furniture designs are sold through Geiger Brickel.

5) **Marcel Breuer** – A Hungarian born architect, furniture designer, and teacher. He trained in architecture under Walter Gropius at the Bauhaus School in Germany. Invented the first tubular steel frame used in furniture. Famous chairs: Wassily chair and cantilever chair.

6) **Eleanor McMillen Brown** – American, founded the first professional full service design firm in America, McMillen, Inc. She favored Greco-Roman architecture and designed many famous spaces including 6 rooms of the White House and the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. She also was noted for her designs of mini-rooms and doll houses.

7) **Mario Buatta** – American designer know as the "Prince of Chintz". He favors florals mixed with plaids and stripes.

8) **Le Corbusier** – A French architect and painter who based his building on geometric principles and mathematical decisions. Many of his works contained open spaces, glass walls, and roof gardens. in the "International Style". Villa Savoye (c. 1931) is a famous residence designed by Le Corbusier and is built of reinforced concrete on pylons, or stilt foundations. Designed a tubular steel chaise lounge and the Grand Comfort cube chair.

9) **Dorothy Draper** – Early American designer who is considered to be the first to work in the commercial area. Known for her hotels and public spaces with eye-popping colors and oversized prints she also had a nationally syndicated advice column called "Ask Dorothy Draper".

10) **Charles Eames –** American architect/furniture designer. Known for his tubular steel and molded plywood chair called the "Potato Chip" chair. His furniture is still produced by Herman Miller.

11) **Charles Gandy** – American Designer, former president of ASID in 1988. CEO of Gandy/Peace, Inc. based in Atlanta, GA. Gandy is a recognized leader in interior design and often lectures at design conferences. He has written Contemporary *Classics: Furniture of the Masters.*

12) **Michael Graves –** American born architect. His most noted works are the Swan and the Dolphin hotels in Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. He is also known for his designs in carpet, wallpaper and housewares. Designs for Target.
13) **Walter Gropius** – Founded the German state school, the Bauhaus. The single most influential force in shaping all of Modern architecture. The Bauhaus focused on the design of building, furniture, textiles and housewares placing an emphasis on working with the machine.

14) **Albert Hadley**- American designer; attended and later taught at the Parsons School of Design. He worked for a time at McMillen, Inc. and later fromed a partnership with Sister Parish (Parish-Hadley Associates).

15) **Mark Hampton** – American designer recognized by his elaborate 18th century decorating style. He authored *Legendary Decorators of the 20th Century*, and worked with well known designers such as David Hicks, Sister Parish, McMillen, Inc. His clients included the Reagans, Bush's, and Clinton's. He recently died on July 23, 1998.

16) **David Hicks –** English designer known for a classical style of decorating. His bold, geometric carpet and fabric designs were influential in the U.S. He favored combining antiques with modern designs. He designed for the royal family.

17) **Phillip Johnson** – American architect; known for his "International Style" of architecture. Best known for the "Glass House" (1949).

18) **Sarah Tomerlin Lee** – American; worked most of her life in fields related to the world of design. She is noted for many hotels and stressed that everything should have a romantic appeal.

19) **Charles Rennie Mackintosh** – Scottish architect and designer; attended the Glasgow School of Art. His work was light, elegant and original, and he is known primarily for many of his furniture designs particularly for his tall, straight back, lean, rectilinear shaped chairs.

20) **Syrie Maugham** – Leading British Designer of the 1920's and 30's. Known for decorating all white rooms and using pickled wood finishes.

21) **William Morris –** English designer (1834 – 1986). Arts and Crafts movement, known for his designs of textiles, wallpaper, and furnishings. He focused on honesty of construction and genuine materials, and rejected modern "machine" made furniture.

22) **Richard Neutra** – Vienna born architect, worked briefly with Frank Lloyd Wright. His houses of the 1940's featured lean steel-frame constructions, glass walls and geometric compositions of the International Style. He also featured the warm textures of wood, brick and landscape.

23) **"Sister Parrish"** – American born; was drawn to and English/American style. Began her own firm in 1933 and later joined with Albert Hadley to form Parrish –Hadley Associates. She favored an "undecorated look" and the use of quilts. Her cousin was Dorothy Draper.

24) **Warren Platner –** An American architect, interior designer, and furniture designer. Established Platner Associates in New Haven, Connecticut. He produced steel-wire furniture for Knoll International.

25) **Andre Putman –** French designer; founded the firm "Ecart" in 1978. Reissued the designs of others as well as creating furniture and accessories herself.

26) **Henry Hobson Richardson –** American architect, born in Louisiana. The second American at that time to be accepted into the Ecole Des Beaux Arts in Paris. He favored the Romanesque style, with its large-scale archways, towers and masonry work.

27) **Elsie de Wolfe –** American; first woman to create an occupation in interior decorating. Considered the first lady of interior decoration. . Her philosophy of decorating can be summed up with the words simplicity, suitability, and proportion. She lead an interesting lifestyle and here name is always found when investigating the beginnings of American interior design. Wrote the House in Good Taste

28) **Ruby Ross Wood:** American; started as a reporter and a writer for interior decorating. She was the first to create a department store decorating firm. She employed Billy Baldwin for many years and was the ghost writer for de Wolfe's "The House in Good Taste.

29) **Betty Sherril –** American, worked as Eleanor McMillen Brown's assistant for 15 years. She then became the president of McMillen, Inc.

30) **Jay Spectre** – American; had his beginnings working in the family furniture store in Kentucky. Established his own firm in New York. His work was influenced by Art Deco and Asian and African design.

31) **Gustov Stickley** – American; influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement in Europe. Formed a furniture company in the U.S. His home is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as a museum. Known for his "Mission Style" of furniture and Craftsman style homes.

32) **Michael Taylor** – American; best know for the "California Look" – clean, casual, and over-scaled.

33) **John Saldino** – American; a designer of the 70's, 80's and 90's who is know for his eclecticism in design by mixing colors, textures, materials and periods furnishing from Machine Age Modern, period and country vernacular. He also has his own line of furniture designs. His interiors are elegant and simple.

34) **Louis Sullivan** – American Architect, Chicago, IL; Known for the Art Nouveau style in commercial spaces.

35) **Michael Thonet** – Vienna furniture designer known for his bentwood "Vienna" Café Chair and rockers. First mass produced furniture that could be shipped KD (knocked down). Still in production today by Thonet. There is a manufacturing plant in Mississippi.

36) **Louis Comfort Tiffany** – American designer; known for the Art Nouveau style. Manufactured decorative arts (glass, metal). Known for his stained glassware.

37) **Ludwig Mies van der Rohe** – German architect; was director of the Bauhaus School of Design in Germany and later the Illinois Institute of Technology School of Architecture after moving to the U.S. He started the movement known as the "International Style" and is famous for the quote, "Less is more." Famous chair is the Barcelona Chair.

38) **Frank Lloyd Wright** – American architect; founded the Taliesin Fellowship in 1932. Horizontal line and natural materials dominated many of his designs, (stone, etc.) He created the open plan concept, the use of corner windows and believed homes should be centered around a hearth. His style of home was known as Prairie Style. Wright was involved in many aspects of design including that of furniture and stain glass windows for his homes. Famous works include "Falling Water", the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, Japan (which withstood an earthquake), and the Guggenheim Museum of Art.

39) **Frank Gehry** – American architect born in Toronto known for his deconstruction style. Uses Titanium as a building material. Known for making furniture from bentwood and corrugated cardboard for Knoll.

**Architectural Firms:**

40) **Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum -** (HOK) one of the worlds largest American architectural/interior design firms. They are best known for their designs of sports stadiums.

41) **Gensler Assoc -** American Architectural firm with over 41 offices worldwide. Most recognized internationally. Known for being a leader in Green Design.

42) **Perkins and Will –** One of the nations leading design firms. Internationally recognized. Established in 1935 in Chicago. Focus on education and healthcare. They designed the Haworth showroom in the Chicago Merchandise Mart which is LEED-CI Gold rated.

43) **RTKL -** Founded by architect Archibald Rogers in the basement of his grandmothers home in Anapolis, MD. Today, this global firm is known for its comprehensive services that include architecture as well as corporate branding, urban planning and telecommunications.