

## CHARACTER & REVOLUTIONARY ARCHITECTS

Tu./Th. Oct. 4/6

### Required Readings:

- \* Boullée, Etienne-Louis. Architecture, Essay on Art = Essai sur l'art (1794) in H. Rosenau, Boullée & visionary architecture : including Boullée's Architecture, essay on art (1976), pp.82-94, skim 109-116  
*Questions to think about:* What are the main points of Boullée's essay? How does Boullée's vision or definition of architecture differ from Vitruvius'? How does it relate to Perrault's ideas on the source of architectural form?
- Patterson, Richard. "Three Revolutionary Architects," in Architecture & the Sites of History, eds. Borden & Dunster (1995), pp.149-162  
*Questions to think about:* What is "revolutionary architecture"? What is "architecture parlante"?
- SKIM IMAGES IN: Kaufmann, E. "Three Revolutionary Architects" in Transactions of American Philosophical Society n.42/43 (1952): pp.433-564

### Assigned Readings: All students will read one of the following pairs of readings:

- Le Camus de Mézières**, Nicolas. The Genius of Architecture = Génie de l'architecture, ed. R. Middleton (1780, 1992), pp.69-79, 87-92  
*Questions to think about:* What are the main points of Le Camus de Mezieres essay? How does he define the purpose of architecture that is different than the past (hint: sensations)?
- Middleton, R. Excerpt from "Introduction," to N. Le Camus de Mézières, The Genius of Architecture = Génie de l'architecture, ed. Middleton (1780, 1992), pp.17-31; then skim Le Camus' book, pp. pp.69-79, 87-92
- OR
- Boffrand**, "Principles of Architecture Derived from Horace's *Art of Poetry*," in Book of Architecture = Livres d'architecture (1759, 2002), pp.8-12.
- Van Eck, C. Excerpt from "Introduction," in Boffrand, Book of Architecture = Livres d'architecture (1759, 2002) pp.xviii-xxiii;
- OR
- Quatremère de Quincy**, "Character," in Dictionnaire d'architecture, translated in S. Younes, ed. The True, The Fictive and the Real. The Historical Dictionary of Architecture of Quatremere de Quincy (1999) pp.103-111
- Di Palma, V. "Architecture, Environment and Emotion: Quatremère de Quincy and the Concept of Character," AA Files n.47 (2002) pp.45-56;
- OR
- Ledoux**, Claude-Nicolas. Excerpts from Architecture Considered in Relation to Arts, Mores, and Legislation (1804, 1961) transl. in Holt, pp.227-242, 418-419
- Vidler, A. Chs.1,5,13 in Claude-Nicolas Ledoux: Arch. & Utopia in the Era of French Revolution (2005) pp.15-19, 67-73, 145-51.

### Other Readings:

- \* Forty, A. "Character" in Words & Buildings: A Vocabulary of Modern Architecture (2000) pp.120-31
- Mertins, Detlef. "System and Freedom: Sigfried Giedion, Emil Kaufmann, and the Constitution of Architectural Modernity," in Autonomy and Ideology. Positioning the Avant garde in America, ed. R. Somol (1997) pp.212-231
- Vidler, Anthony. "The Ledoux Effect: Emil Kaufmann and the Claims of Kantian Autonomy," Perspecta v.33 (2002): 16-29
- H.F. Mallgrave, Architectural Theory: Vol.1: An Anthology from Vitruvius to 1870 (2006), pp. 190-221
- Pelletier, L. "Introduction," and "Architecture as an Expressive Language," in Architecture in Words: Theatre, Language and the Sensuous Space of Architecture (2006) pp.1-24

