

## Summary

This session would lend you an insight on the early life, situation and events which led Victor Horta in becoming an influential architect. Horta is considered one of the most important names in Art Nouveau architecture. With the construction of his Hôtel Tassel in Brussels in 1892-3, he is sometimes credited as the first to introduce the style to architecture from the decorative arts. The "biomorphic whiplash" style that Horta promoted deeply influenced architect Hector Guimard who used it in projects in France and extended its influence abroad.

His style inspired many modernist artists all over Europe and also influenced the aesthetic ideals of the avant-garde group of artists in Belgium, such as "Les Vingt" and "La Libre Esthétique". Some of his most famous works are Maison Antique, Hotel Tassel, Horta Museum, etc.