

FAQs

1. Who was Aldo Rossi? Name any two books written by him.

Aldo Rossi was an Italian architect and designer who accomplished the unusual feat of achieving international recognition in four distinct areas:

- Theory,
- Drawing,
- Architecture and
- Product Design

"The Architecture of the city" and "A scientific Autobiography" are the books written by Aldo Rossi

2. Who was Jane Jacobs? Name any 2 books written by him.

Jane Jacobs was an American Canadian journalist, author and activist best known for her influence on urban studies. "The Death and Life of Great American cities" and "The Economy of Cities" are the books written by Jane Jacobs.

3. Explain Death and Life of Great American Cities with sub-topics.

What makes cities work?

Why are some neighbourhoods full of things to do and see and why are others dull?

Why does the crime rate soar in our public housing developments and why are some of our older neighbourhoods so much more stable, safe and congenial?

Why do some neighbourhoods attract interested and responsible while responsible populations while others degenerate?

Why are some good neighbourhoods attract interested and responsible populations while others degenerate?

Why are some good neighbourhoods considered as slums by orthodox city planners?

What alternatives are there to current city planning and rebuilding?

Purpose of the book:

- Attack on current methods of city planning and rebuilding
- Explanation of new principles
- an argument for different methods from those now in use

Reasons cited by conventional city planners - decline of cities

- Blighted by too many people
- Mixtures of commercial, industrial, residential uses
- Old buildings and narrow streets
- Small landholders who stand in the way of large scale development

Results:

- Breed apathy & crime
- Discourage investment
- contaminate areas around them

Solutions:

Tear them down

Scatter inhabitants

Lay out super blocks

Rebuild area to integrated plan

Influences- city planning range from

(Outline of the most influential ideas that contributed to the varieties of orthodox modern city planning and city architectural design)

Ebenezer Howard
Patrick Geddes
Mumford

Garden city
Regional planning
culture of cities

Le Corbusier Radiant city
Daniel Burnham City beautiful