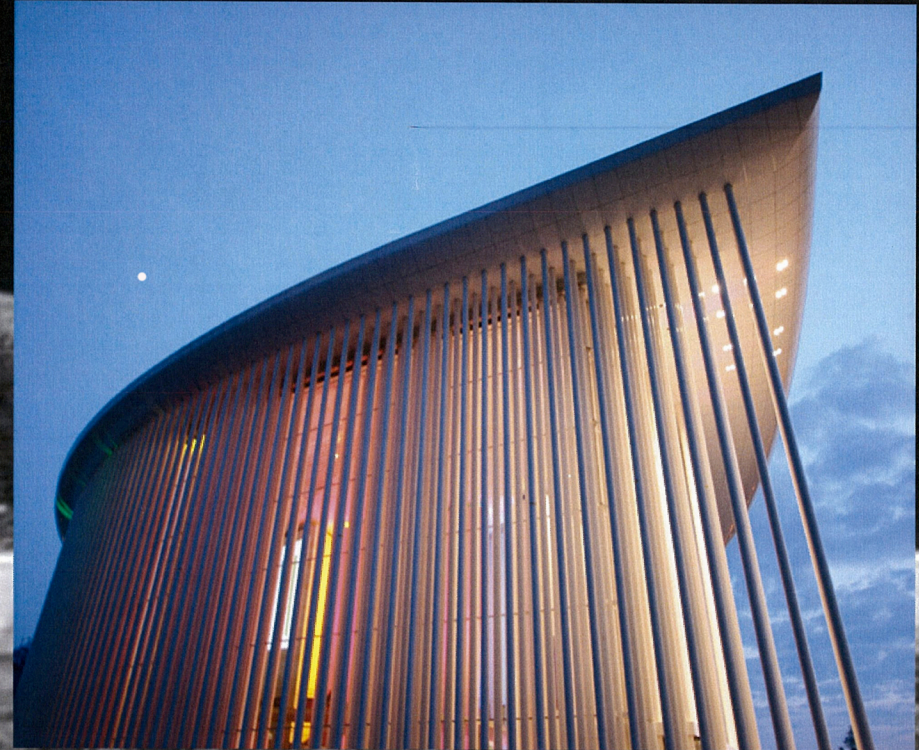


## I.M. Pei Investigation

### 3) How Did Technology Influence The Architect?

I.M. Pei has had the technology that he uses for a long time because he likes to use concrete because it's cheap and it has a good look of strength and it looks permanent. Pei also uses glass which is completely different to concrete. Pei had his reputation slightly tarnished when a plane of glass randomly fell out of his John Hancock tower in Boston. With new technology available Pei used that to make it easier and he then got his reputation back after constructing a glass sheathed allied bank tower in Dallas, also the glass pyramid in France.

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### 4) Who Influenced The Architects Designs?

Pei's work was strongly influenced by Mies van der Rohe. The apartment towers at Kips Bay and Society Hill that Pei designed were greatly influenced by Mies slab-like skyscrapers sheathed in glass grids. But the difference between Mies and Pei is that Mies uses frames of steel to support his buildings where as Pei uses concrete. When Pei enrolled in Harvard graduate school of design he was introduced to the work from some leading European architects. He took in their ideas on building unadorned (without decoration) buildings in weird abstract shapes. These are buildings which show off and expose their system of support and