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### Diverse Architectural History

Architecture for houses often depends on where the houses is located. For example coastal houses are often on stilts because of possibly flooding. They are set up high and often have stable siding with wind resistant windows. They became a staple houses in the Gulf of Mexico, with a lot of Spanish influence. There is no specific origin for where coastal houses were created. But, Andrew Galler is widely credited for his work on creating various beach houses in New Jersey and Connecticut in the 1950-1960's. He came up with various kinds of uniquely shaped houses. Some in the shape of cubes with various angles and shape. He also incorporated a lot of wooden fixtures to create that relaxed beach feel (Bernstein, Fred A). Depending on the precise location of the house, it will correlate with how the house is built. An example being that if a house is built directly on the sand is requires a special kind of foundation. They also have big windows so that there is a clear view of the ocean. Coastal houses also have a very simplistic style, they consist of a lot of cool colors for the interior(Frederick, Lisa).

Ranch houses, however are not prone to flooding and a commonly one floor only. They made their debut in 1920's and were based on Spanish architecture and mainly found in the Midwest of America. The popularity of the houses flourished in 1940-1970's because of the low cost and the attached garage. They also provided a flexible floor plan which was very appealing to the middle class american. This house is often credited with the growth of the American

suburbs when many of them started to populate the neighborhoods of middle class families.

Now, Ranch houses are still a common house in American and have many of the same traits that they did when they first originated. They have a very open concept, which means that the room flow into one another. They commonly have 3 bedrooms and a basements. Since being in the midwest basements are essential to their weather. In California ranch houses, basements are not as common. Ranch houses often have a lot of rustic interiors with western and southern accents and vibes("Facts on Ranch-Style Homes.")..

Cape Cod houses are also very similar to ranch houses, however they are smaller and not as spread out as ranch houses. They are often thought as very homey houses. They were first created around the 1690's and since then two distinctive kinds of houses branched off from the Cape Cod. The original kind that were commonly built from the late 1600's to the 1800's. The original houses are often very small and cottage like. They were designed to take in the sun's rays and to create a very homey and nostalgic feel. They have a warm comforting kitchen that takes up most of the houses and is the main living area. They are very suburban with their white picket fences and white suadders. The other kind of cape cod houses is a Colonial Revival houses which were very common in 1930's. These houses commonly appeared in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Many of the houses contained interiors of pine and wood. During the colonial times the Colonial Revival really flourished. They came back with a broader structure and different framing. This houses could be one of the most common in America because it left such a big impact("Cape Cod Cottage & History of Cape Cod Architecture - Old-House Online.").

Contemporary houses the houses of the 20th century after the industrial revolution. They are distinctive by using raw materials, like steel, iron and glass. They take old historic elements

and combined them with geometric shapes to create a very unique space. Many contemporary houses are very connected with the exterior as much as the interior. Things like sliding ranch doors are common on the inside of the house. Some say that Contemporary houses are too mechanical. However, things like outdoor kitchens with fireplace are very common.

Contemporary houses are also very eco friendly with bamboo floors and natural countertops.

Large windows create a large space for light to come through. Solar power is also very common in Contemporary houses. This is a very versatile type of house with being able to have pocket rooms that can be converted into bedrooms and then back into a spare room (*News and Advice | Realtor.com*).

French style houses are commonly perceived as mansions with a large estate. They are very rustic with European touches that make it so elegant. French Creole is one of the most popular colonial styles of architecture. The start of French Creole began in the French colonial times, in the late 1600. This style eventually grew into what and made an impact not only on French culture but American culture as well. It became very popular, especially after World War 1 when soldiers would return from war and built houses resembling those that they saw during their time serving("American Architecture Inspired by French Style."). French houses are very distinctive with their brick/stone exterior and arched doorways. On the inside of the French houses are very also very distinct, they consist of large gallery rooms and French doors that accent the rooms. Color pallets from French rooms are also very unique, cooler color schemes are very popular because they create a relaxing mood. All of this with the rustic feel that a French style house completes a French style house plan("French House Styles & Design.").