

# Experts examine Safdie's Vancouver library design

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## Comprehension Questions:

Directions: Answer the following questions using your notes from the lecture.

1. What important building in Ottawa did Moishe Safdie design?
2. Architectural historian Andrew Gruff refers to the library as “a one- liner that doesn’t come off”. What does he mean by that?
3. Adele Freedman and Andrew Gruff do not believe Safdie when he says he hadn’t realized the library looked like the Coliseum. What do they say that implies this?
4. The library is called a “landmark”. From context, what is a “landmark”?
5. What 5 other landmarks are mentioned?
6. What are 3 of the criticisms Gruff and Freedman have concerning the competition to select the library design?
7. Did Japanese architect Fumihiko Maki like any of the entries?
8. How is the inside of the library described?
9. What does this building offer Vancouverites?
10. According to the discussion does this design take any risks?