

11.123 BIG PLANS

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READING QUESTION FOR: May 5 Capital Cities

Lawrence J. Vale, "Capital and Capitol: An Introduction" and "Designed Capitals After World War II: Chandigarh and Brasília," from *Architecture, Power, and National Identity*. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992), pp. 3-41, 105-27. (Endnotes: pp. 294-296 and 300-301).

Larry Vale writes of "Evolved Capitals" and "Designed Capitals" as two types of capital cities. Faced today with the task to recommend the physical plan of contemporary new capital for a democracy, what lessons from the layout and character of the cities Prof Vale discussed would you draw to the attention of those responsible for building the contemporary capital.