

American Architecture
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“The Flaneur of the Strip”
Howard Mansfield

Chapter from: *The Bones of the Earth*, Shoemaker Hoard, 2004.

Read the essay, “The Flaneur of the Strip,” and consider the following as you write your response paper:

First, what is a flaneur and why do you think Mansfield uses that word here? According to Mansfield, what effect does the Strip have on our behavior? Mansfield gives us his “List of Despair”—are there any items on the list you agree with or have experienced as well? Mansfield says he hates the strip—but, *importantly*, he also says he wants to try to get beyond the hate and understand the strip. What does he think the strip tells us about American culture? Remember, he is trying to use the strip to understand American architecture, not simply to berate it!

If you refer to specific sentences or ideas in the essay, please put the page number in parentheses next to it. Thank you!