

Unit 4 – Cities

1. What key idea does Burden express about cities and their users?

- A) Cities are defined by buildings
- B) Cities are about people and where they meet
- C) Cities need more infrastructure
- D) Cities are driven by commerce

2. List two features that make Paley Park successful according to Burden. (*short answer*)

3. What problem does she note about many modern plazas?

- A) They're too crowded
- B) They're architecturally incomplete
- C) They feel desolate and unsafe
- D) They have excessive greenery

4. Why were the benches in Bryant Park redesigned to include movable chairs? (*short answer*)

5. Explain the significance of seating “with a back” or at eye level, as discussed by Burden. *(short answer)*

6. What urban planning strategy did Burden implement to help accommodate one million new New Yorkers?

- A) Build taller buildings everywhere
- B) Redirect development near transit
- C) Remove parking spaces from the city
- D) Increase car ownership

7. Identify two waterfront revitalization projects Burden mentions. *(short answer)*

8. How does Burden describe the High Line in terms of public vs. commercial space? *(short answer)*

9. What is the core lesson Burden learned about public spaces?

- A) They require minimal maintenance
- B) They don't impact city life much
- C) They have power and need champions
- D) They are only for tourists

10. Using two examples from the talk, evaluate this statement:
“Attention to small design details can transform public spaces.”
(2–3 sentences)