

Question au programme :

Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) et le *park movement* américain

Sujet de leçon:

Discuss the following statement.

"One of the great ills of modern society, [Olmsted] argued, is a nervous disability caused by the stress of urban life and exacerbated by the artificiality of the city environment. The most effective antidote to this sickness, he was convinced, was a certain kind of scenery. The purpose of the urban park (as opposed to the whole range of other kinds of public recreation grounds that he designed) was to provide the scenery that most effectively counteracts and cures this nervous affliction."

Charles E. Beveridge and Carolyn F. Hoffman, "Introduction" in Charles E. Beveridge and Carolyn F. Hoffman (eds.), *The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, Supplementary Series*, volume I, The Johns Hopkins University Press: Baltimore and London, 1997, pp. 5-6.