



Famous Buildings



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Stonehenge



Probably the most famous Neolithic Structure is Stonehenge in England. It's purpose is unclear. Was it used for sacrifice, or to keep track of the cycles of the growing seasons?

Sumerian Ziggurat



Ziggurats – temples where people from Sumer worshipped their gods by leaving gifts of food and wine.

The Great Pyramids



The Great Pyramids of Egypt were built by Egyptian pharaohs. The mummified body of the pharaoh, along with all of the possessions he would need for the afterlife, were placed in the pyramids with him.

The Great Wall of China



Started by the Qin Dynasty, each additional dynasty added to or improved the wall, especially the Ming Dynasty. It served as a man-made barrier to raiders like the Mongols who attacked China.

The Acropolis of Athens

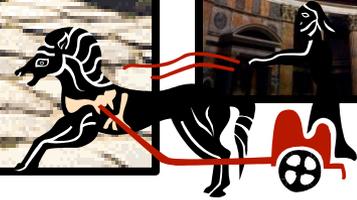
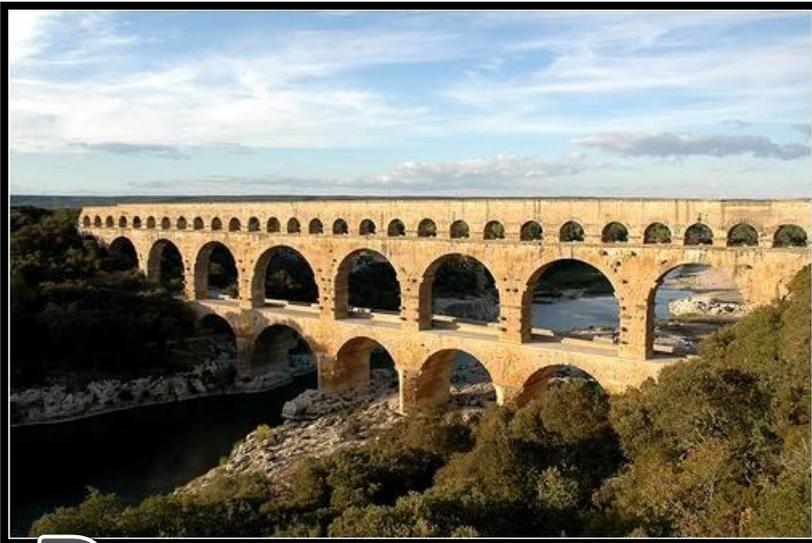


The Ancient Greeks built their cities on a hill or acropolis. The most famous acropolis is the one in Athens, that features the Parthenon designed by Phidias – an Ancient Wonder of the World.

Roman Architects – The Coliseum



Emperor Vespasian built the Coliseum in Rome. Gladiator matches and live entertainment was free to all citizens of Rome.



Rome

The Romans built the Pantheon, the Circus Maximus, the aqueducts and many connecting roads.

Hagia Sophia



This was the largest Christian church in the world at one time. It was built by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian. When Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Turks in 1453, it was converted to a Muslim mosque.

Medieval Castles



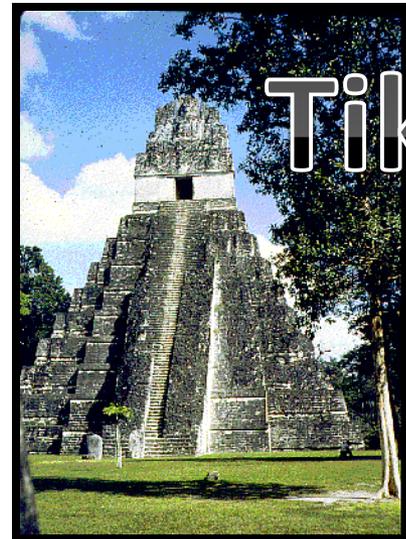
From 1000 to 1550 AD, (the Middle Ages), nobles and kings built castles for the purpose of waging wars and defending their lands.

Gothic Cathedrals



From the 12th to the 16th century, Frankish or French architects designed and built gothic cathedrals. Gothic cathedrals featured “*a pointed arch, ribbed vault and flying buttresses*”. These were expressions of Christian faith during the Middle Ages.

Mesoamerican Structures



- Olmecs, the Nazca and the Aztecs - all Mesoamerican tribes, built huge stepped temples to honor their gods through human sacrifice.
- The Nazca lines contain the images of animals.

Islamic Architecture

Alhambra in Grenada above and the *Mosque of Cordoba* in Spain.



Taj Mahal



**Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan built this to honor his
dead wife. It was built from 1631-1638.
It is the “Jewel of Muslim art in India” – a World
Heritage site**