

Architectural History Basics

Architectural History · Answer Key · 7 Questions

1. Which style of ancient Greek column is easily recognized by the scroll-like designs, called volutes, at the top?

- A) Doric
- B) Ionic**
- C) Corinthian
- D) Tuscan

2. Which ancient Roman landmark was built as a grand amphitheater for gladiator contests and public shows?

- A) The Parthenon
- B) The Colosseum**
- C) The Pantheon
- D) The Forum

3. What external support structure was used in Gothic cathedrals to hold up high walls and large stained-glass windows?

- A) Flying buttress**
- B) Minaret
- C) Ziggurat
- D) Doric column

4. What main purpose did ancient Egyptian pyramids, such as the Great Pyramid of Giza, serve?

- A) Grain storage units
- B) Royal tombs for pharaohs**
- C) Public assembly halls
- D) Military fortresses

5. Which Renaissance architect designed the massive brick dome of the Florence Cathedral in Italy?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Filippo Brunelleschi**
- C) Leonardo da Vinci
- D) Andrea Palladio

6. Which white marble mausoleum in Agra, India, was built during the Mughal Empire and features symmetrical gardens and a central dome?

A) Taj Mahal

B) Hagia Sophia

C) Alhambra

D) Angkor Wat

7. El Castillo is a famous step pyramid built by the Maya civilization at which historical site in Mexico?

A) Machu Picchu

B) Chichen Itza

C) Teotihuacan

D) Tikal