



Parthenon

architects:

Ictinius, Callicrates

completed: 432 B.C.



Sagrada Família

architect:

Antoni Gaudi

estimated: 2026



St Paul's Cathedral

architect:

Christopher Wren

completed: 1710

KEY VOCABULARY

architecture

the art of **designing buildings**

architect

a person **who designs buildings**

design

planning and drawing how a building is going to look

pillar or column

a tall, straight part of a building that is sometimes decorated, often **holds up another part** of the building

tower

a **tall narrow building** or part of a building

dome

a **rounded roof** of a building with a circle-shaped base

materials

what a building **is made of**, e.g., stone, brick, cement, steel

symmetrical

where the parts of an object, including a building **look exactly the same** on both sides, a mirror image

asymmetrical

where the parts of an object, including a building **do not look the same** on both sides

in relief

where sculptures **stick out** from a flat surface, rather than being made all the way around

in the round

where sculptures **are carved or built** all around, from front to back

frieze

a **band of relief sculptures** or painting on a wall, often near the top

mosaic

a picture or a pattern made by putting **small pieces of stone, glass or tile** together. sometimes these decorate a floor