

## Architecture Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Architecture trivia spans ancient temples, soaring cathedrals, modern skyscrapers, and the architects and engineering feats behind them. It offers a lively way to test what you know about styles, materials, famous structures, and how buildings reflect the cultures and eras that produced them.

### HARD ARCHITECTURE TRIVIA

1. Name the year tied to the completion of the Empire State Building.?

Answer: 1931

2. True or false: The Empire State Building was completed before the Great Fire of London.?

Answer: False

3. If you trace a style back to 12th-century France in this fact set, which one are you following?

Answer: Gothic architecture

4. Which style is described as starting in France and then spreading across Europe?

Answer: Gothic architecture

5. Playful but precise: which famous urban disaster in this list basically forced London into a giant rebuild?

Answer: The Great Fire of London

6. Identify the architecture style in this set that is tied specifically to 15th-century Italy.?

Answer: Renaissance architecture

7. True or false: Renaissance architecture is described here as beginning in 12th-century France.?

Answer: False

8. Which monument was designed as the centerpiece of the 1889 Exposition Universelle in Paris?

Answer: The Eiffel Tower

9. In this fact set, what structure is specifically connected to the 1889 Exposition Universelle?

Answer: The Eiffel Tower

10. Which city hosted the exposition for which the Eiffel Tower served as the centerpiece?

Answer: Paris

11. What is the name of the house here whose dramatic claim to fame is jutting out over a waterfall?

Answer: Fallingwater

12. Name the structure whose signature pairing in this set is an unreinforced concrete dome plus a central oculus.?

Answer: The Pantheon

13. The Parthenon on the Athenian Acropolis was dedicated to whom?

Answer: Athena

#### FUNNY ARCHITECTURE TRIVIA

1. Which Barcelona masterpiece is basically forever on the VIP list of works associated with Antoni Gaudí?

Answer: The Sagrada Família.

2. What famous building in Sydney looks ready to catch a strong harbor breeze with its sail-like shell forms?

Answer: The Sydney Opera House.

3. Which monument was commissioned by Shah Jahan as a mausoleum, proving that some memorial projects are on a very grand scale?

Answer: The Taj Mahal.

4. After the Great Fire gave London a truly awful renovation brief, which architect became best known for rebuilding many of its churches?

Answer: Sir Christopher Wren.

5. Which U.S. statesman also designed Monticello and leaned heavily on classical architectural ideas?

Answer: Thomas Jefferson.

6. Who founded the Bauhaus school in 1919, kicking off a design movement with a very memorable start date?

Answer: Walter Gropius.

7. If someone says, 'Take me to the city most associated with Antoni Gaudí,' which city should your map dramatically zoom in on?

Answer: Barcelona.

8. Which city is a key stop in the history of Renaissance architecture, even without a time machine?

Answer: Florence.

9. Name the architect whose name practically shows up whenever Barcelona architecture starts showing off.?

Answer: Antoni Gaudí.

10. Which architect stays closely linked with the Sagrada Família, as if the building still has him on speed dial?

Answer: Antoni Gaudí.

11. Which building answers the description 'famous, in Sydney, and looking a bit like a fleet of sails parked on land'?

Answer: The Sydney Opera House.

12. Which landmark began with Shah Jahan saying, in effect, 'This mausoleum should be unforgettable'?

Answer: The Taj Mahal.

13. Who is best known for taking on the monumental task of rebuilding many London churches after the Great Fire?

Answer: Sir Christopher Wren.

#### FUN ARCHITECTURE TRIVIA

1. Which Inca site in the Andes is celebrated for stone blocks fitted together with remarkable precision?

Answer: Machu Picchu

2. What famous city is basically a water-loving urban puzzle built across islands in a lagoon?

Answer: Venice

3. If a building element sticks out dramatically while being supported only at one end, what is it called?

Answer: cantilever

4. Which architectural feature sounds like it should fly, and actually helps move a wall's outward thrust to an exterior support?

Answer: flying buttress

5. In a church, what name is given to the main central space where the congregation gathers?

Answer: nave

6. What do architects call a circular opening often found at the top of a dome?

Answer: oculus

7. Which ancient place is famous for facades carved directly into sandstone cliffs?

Answer: Petra

8. At the end of many churches, what architectural recess is often semicircular or polygonal?

Answer: apse

9. Multiple choice: Which place is best known for precisely fitted stonework high in the Andes?

Answer: Machu Picchu

10. Which term fits this balancing act: a projection that reaches outward while anchored

only at one end?

Answer: cantilever

11. If a wall is pushing outward and some of that force gets handed off to a separate exterior support, what feature is doing the job?

Answer: flying buttress

12. In church architecture, where would the congregation typically be found in the central main space?

Answer: nave

13. A dome gets a round skylight opening at its top. What is that opening called?

Answer: oculus

#### ARCHITECTURE FAMILY TRIVIA

1. Who engineered the famous dome of Florence Cathedral?

Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi

2. The glass pyramid entrance at the Louvre was designed by which architect?

Answer: I. M. Pei

3. In which Indian city would you find the Taj Mahal?

Answer: Agra

4. What is the name of the fortified hill overlooking Athens?

Answer: Acropolis

5. Which planned city became Brazil's new capital in the country's interior?

Answer: Brasília

6. Which U.S. city is widely regarded as a major birthplace of the skyscraper?

Answer: Chicago

7. True or false: Dubai is home to which city-defining supertall fact: the world's tallest completed building is located there. True or false?

Answer: True

8. If you're standing by the Taj Mahal, what city are you in?

Answer: Agra

9. Name the architect linked to the Louvre's glass pyramid entrance.?

Answer: I. M. Pei

10. Which architect solved the giant dome challenge at Florence Cathedral?

Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi

11. Which landmark overlooks Athens from a fortified hill?

Answer: Acropolis

12. What city was specially planned to serve as Brazil's new capital?

Answer: Bras^lia

### EASY ARCHITECTURE TRIVIA

1. What is the architectural term for a shallow rectangular column-like element attached to a wall?

Answer: pilaster

2. A porch with a roof supported by columns, usually at an entrance, is called what?

Answer: portico

3. What word names an arched structure used to form a ceiling or roof?

Answer: vault

4. Art Deco architecture became especially prominent in which decades?

Answer: the 1920s and 1930s

5. Baroque architecture flourished in Europe during which period?

Answer: the 17th and early 18th centuries

6. In what country did the Bauhaus school operate from 1919 until 1933?

Answer: Germany

7. The Burj Khalifa officially opened in what year?

Answer: 2010

8. The Crystal Palace was erected for the Great Exhibition of what year?

Answer: 1851

9. Which architectural feature is attached to a wall rather than standing free: a pilaster or a portico?

Answer: pilaster

10. At a building entrance, what do you call the roofed porch supported by columns?

Answer: portico

11. If a ceiling is formed by an arch, what is that structure called?

Answer: vault

12. True or false: Art Deco architecture is mainly associated with the 1920s and 1930s.?

Answer: True

13. Which style flourished in Europe in the 17th and early 18th centuries?

Answer: Baroque architecture

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