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From the Colosseum to the Kabba, these famous buildings are amazing. Shares Anyone with a creative bone in their body cannot fail to be inspired by famous buildings. Much like a photograph, architectural designs record details of specific moments in time. The former imperial palace is now home to the Palace Museum, and was declared a World Heritage Site in 1987. The deconstructivist "or new-baroque" architecture forms an unusual dancing shape thanks to 99 concrete panels, each a different shape and dimension. It has nine sides, nine doors, and can accommodate 2, people. Its surface is made of white marble from Mount Pentelicus in Greece, the same marble used to build the Parthenon. Since its completion in 1991 it has become one of the most visited buildings in the world, attracting over million people. Work did not resume until the 1970s, and it was finally finished in 1987. Later work follows the original medieval plan faithfully. It is renowned as a Gothic masterpiece and houses many works of art as well as the Shrine of the Three Kings, which is traditionally believed to hold the remains of the Three Kings. Built by Caliph Abd al-Malik between 705 and 715, the octagonal plan and the rotunda dome of wood are of Byzantine design. The Persian tiles on the exterior were added by Suleiman I in 1090; the interior decoration was added to later with marble, mosaic and faience. The oldest extant Islamic monument, the Dome of the Rock has served as a model for architecture and other artistic endeavors for over a millennium. His unique approach to the Art Nouveau movement generated some of the most creative buildings the world have ever seen. And La Pedrera is no exception. One of the most imaginative houses in the history of architecture, this is more sculpture than building. The original church on the site was founded in the year AD. Work on the present English Baroque church began in the 17th Century by Christopher Wren as part of a major rebuilding program after the Great Fire of London. The buildings, which held the title of tallest in the world between 1667 and 1677, are an iconic landmark of the capital city. In 1802 Hoban submitted a plan for the presidential mansion and subsequently got the commission to build the White House. Construction began in 1800 and was completed in 1809. Leaning Tower of Pisa Due to restoration work carried out in 1993, the tower currently leans at just under 4 degrees. Building work on the tower began in 1173 and went on for over a whopping 192 years. There has been much controversy surrounding the true identity of the architect behind the tower "the design was originally attributed to artist Bonnano Pisano but studies have also implicated architect Diotisalvi. A most sacred place in Islam, the Kabba is elegantly draped in a silk and cotton veil. Every year millions of Muslims travel to the Kabba for the hajj, an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca. The small square building is about 45 feet high and its walls are a metre wide, with its total size occupying roughly square feet. The Shard, London The Shard is an storey skyscraper, which sits in the heart of London Also referred to as the shard of glass, The Shard is an storey skyscraper, which sits in the heart of London. This motto was clearly taken on board by a fox, nicknamed Romeo, that was found on the 72nd floor towards the end of construction. The famous landmark, shaped to resemble the flame of a bonfire rising into the sky, is located just outside the Kremlin gates and marks the geometric centre of the city. Built between 1475 and 1489, the cathedral was erected during the reign of Ivan IV Ivan the Terrible. Built between 1844 and 1868, the building also features 12 exterior lifts, which were the first of their kind in the UK. Colosseum, Rome The Colosseum is the largest Roman amphitheatre ever built. The stadium was capable of seating at least 50,000 spectators and used mainly for gladiatorial games. Construction "mainly using concrete and stone" began around 72AD and finished in 80AD. The design and shape of the Colosseum has been the inspiration for many modern day stadiums. The Taj Mahal is regarded as one of the finest examples of Mughal architecture "an amalgamation of Persian, Turkish and Indian styles. Construction on the mausoleum began in 1631 and was completed in 1654. The surrounding buildings and gardens took around five more years to finish. Joris Van Rooden In the early part of the 20th Century, people everywhere were in a race to build the tallest building. Just a year later the Empire State Building was erected. Designed by architect William Van Alen, the skyscraper was commissioned by car manufacturer Walter P

Chrysler, hence its name. Sydney Opera House Sydney Opera House is the most famous Australian architectural icon The Sydney Opera House is widely regarded as one of the greatest architectural works of the 20th century. The beautiful building comprises of three groups of interlocking shells, which cover two main performance halls and a restaurant. A masterpiece of modern architecture, the opera house has become an iconic symbol of both Sydney and the Australian nation. Space Needle, Seattle 40 years after its construction, the Space Needle remains a popular visitor destination. The famous landmark stands at m high and 42m wide at its widest point. The building was originally constructed between AD and AD and due to many factors, including being burned down in riots and earthquakes, the ancient cathedral has been rebuilt many times since. Despite this, Hagia Sophia is widely recognised as one of the great buildings of the world. The building also features in the opening scenes of the Bond film, Skyfall. Since then, various architects have worked on the building to make it what it is today, including John Nash and Edmund Blore. The palace also had to undergo extensive work after being bombed no less than nine times during World War II. Fallingwater Frank Lloyd Wright created this unique design for the Kauffman family in Well, the unique design makes it look like the house stretches out over a 30ft waterfall, with no solid ground beneath it. It became famous instantly and is now a natural historic landmark. Pantheon, Rome Built approximately years ago, the Pantheon continues to inspire architects all over the world Rome is home to many amazing buildings, and the Pantheon is no exception. And, like the city itself, it was not built in a day. Destroyed twice and rebuilt each time, the building started as a rectangular structure, which, over time, evolved into the gorgeous dome building seen today. Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao Architect Frank Gehry developed the unique concept for the museum after winning an architectural competition to design the building The Guggenheim museum Bilbao is one of the most admired works of contemporary architecture. Canadian-born American architect Frank Gehry created the unique concept after winning an architectural competition to design the building. Since the museum doors opened in , it has been hailed one of the most important buildings of the 20th century. The distinctive triangular shape allowed the building to fill the space located at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Broadway. The property was built between and and, after surviving several demolition plans, was designated as an official French historical monument in The mammoth skyscraper and magnificent centerpiece of Downtown Dubai stands at a whopping Construction began on the floor building in with its doors opening six years later in

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