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The Parthenon , Athens , Greece , "the supreme example among architectural sites. An equivalent in modern English would be: Durability â€” a building should stand up robustly and remain in good condition. Utility â€” it should be suitable for the purposes for which it is used. Beauty â€” it should be aesthetically pleasing. According to Vitruvius, the architect should strive to fulfill each of these three attributes as well as possible. Leon Battista Alberti , who elaborates on the ideas of Vitruvius in his treatise, *De Re Aedificatoria* , saw beauty primarily as a matter of proportion, although ornament also played a part. For Alberti, the rules of proportion were those that governed the idealised human figure, the Golden mean. The most important aspect of beauty was, therefore, an inherent part of an object, rather than something applied superficially, and was based on universal, recognisable truths. The notion of style in the arts was not developed until the 16th century, with the writing of Vasari: Ancient Roman architect Vitruvius described in his theory of proper architecture, the proportions of a man. In the early 19th century, Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin wrote *Contrasts* that, as the titled suggested, contrasted the modern, industrial world, which he disparaged, with an idealized image of neo-medieval world. Gothic architecture , Pugin believed, was the only "true Christian form of architecture. Architecture was the "art which so disposes and adorns the edifices raised by men His work goes on to state that a building is not truly a work of architecture unless it is in some way "adorned". For Ruskin, a well-constructed, well-proportioned, functional building needed string courses or rustication , at the very least. Ingenuity is at work. But suddenly you touch my heart, you do me good. I am happy and I say: Through its own particular way of expressing values , architecture can stimulate and influence social life without presuming that, in and of itself, it will promote social development. In the late 20th century a new concept was added to those included in the compass of both structure and function, the consideration of sustainability , hence sustainable architecture. To satisfy the contemporary ethos a building should be constructed in a manner which is environmentally friendly in terms of the production of its materials, its impact upon the natural and built environment of its surrounding area and the demands that it makes upon non-sustainable power sources for heating, cooling, water and waste management and lighting. Philosophy of architecture Wittgenstein House Philosophy of Architecture is a branch of philosophy of art , dealing with aesthetic value of architecture, its semantics and relations with development of culture.

Chapter 2 : architecture | Definition of architecture in English by Oxford Dictionaries

Containing over 6, entries from alto to ziggurat, this authoritative dictionary of architecture covers all periods of Western architectural history, from ancient times to the present day.

A wooden grid of boards overlaid atop an exterior surface. Mansard Roof A four-sided hipped roof featuring two slopes on each side, the lower slopes being very steep, almost vertical, and the upper slopes sometimes being so horizontal that they are not visible from the ground. The Mansard roof was named after the French 17th-century architect Francois Mansart , who popularized the form. Masonry Being of stone, brick, or concrete. Molding A decorative strip of wood. Mullions The structural units that divide adjacent windows. Muntins Dividing bars between panes of glass. Order A classical style of architecture. The three primary orders, used in Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, are, chronologically: Oriel A projecting window of an upper floor, supported from below by a bracket. Over-hanging Rafters Rafters that extend beyond the eaves of a roof. Rafters are the inclined, sloping framing members of a roof, to which the roof covering is affixed. Pagoda A tiered tower with multiple roof layers, constructed about a central axis pole. Indigenous to Asia particularly to China, Japan, and Korea , and typically located there within Buddhist temple precincts, pagodas were built as decorative garden structures in the United States and Europe during the 18th and 19th centuries, when exoticism in architectural ornament was highly fashionable. Panel A smooth surface, usually rectangular or sometimes circular in shape and framed by a molding, and often featuring decorative, sculptural carving. Parapet A low wall, located at the top of any sudden drop, such as at the top of the facade of a building. Parthenon One of the most iconic buildings of the classical world, erected in Athens around B. The Parthenon temple was built in honor of the Greek goddess Athena; it was ringed with 46 columns, and crowned by two pediments containing a wealth of sculptural detail. Its stonework was originally brightly colored, but its paint has long since worn away. A large gilt statue of Athena once stood inside the temple. Patio Similar to a terrace, a patio is an outdoor extension of a building, situated above the ground level, and open to the sky. Colloquially, a patio is a more informal space than a terrace. Pavilion A small but prominent portion of a building that juts out from a main building, either above its roof line, or to the side, and which is identified by a unique usually diminutive height and individual roof type. A pavilion may also stand alone, separate from a larger building, or may be connected to a main building by a terrace or path. Pediment A decorative triangular piece situated over a portico, door, window, fireplace, etc. Peek-a-boo Window A very small window, often circular. Pergola A garden structure built up over a path or narrow terrace, lined with evenly spaced columns or posts that support a wooden-framed roof without sheathing. Often, vines are trained around the wooden framework of a pergola, and the pergola may lead from one building to another. Picturesque Like-a-picture, charming, quaint. Picturesque architecture and landscape architecture evolved in England in the 18th and 19th centuries, and influenced American architecture and landscapes in the 19th century; winding paths, asymmetrical compositions, rustic or exotic elements see pagoda , and faux ruins were characteristic of picturesque architecture and landscapes. Picturesque settings were favored for their emotional associations. Pilaster A shallow, non-structural rectangular column, attached to, and projecting only slightly from, a wall surface. Pillar A structural support, similar to a column, but larger and more massive, and often without ornamentation. Pillars can be round or square in section, and are most often made of brick, stone, cement, or other masonry, although substantial wooden timbers can be formed into pillars. Pointed Arch An arch that is pointed at its apex, rather than rounded; common in Gothic and Gothic Revival architecture. Portico An entrance porch with columns or pilasters and a roof, and often crowned by a triangular pediment. Poteaux-en-terre A mode of wall construction in French Colonial America in which tall posts are rammed into the ground, and the spaces between them are filled with mud plaster, also known as bousillage. Due to the impermanent nature of this construction, very few Poteau- en-terre buildings remain. Projection A side wing, tower, or window bay that protrudes from a building. Pueblos consist of many adjacent houses made of adobe brick, although these houses are often, themselves, called pueblos. Quoins Large, prominent masonry units outlining windows, doorways, segments, and corners of buildings. Rafters The inclined, sloping framing

members of a roof, and to which the roof covering is affixed. **Roof Ridge** The horizontal intersection of two roof slopes at the top of a roof. **Rooflines** can be highly decorative, with balustrades, pediments, statuary, dormer windows, cross gables, etc. **Round-arched Window** A window that is fully arched at its top. **Roundel** A small, circular panel or window. **Rubble Brick** Rough-edged brick, often of variegated colors. **Saltbox Roof** A gable roof whose rear slope is longer than its front slope. The rear slope often very nearly meets the ground. Saltbox roofs are common to the architecture of Colonial New England. **Sculptural Forms** Architectural elements that have the appearance of having been sculpted. **Segmental Arch** An arch whose arc is shorter than that of a full semi-circle. **Setback** A step-like recession in a wall. **Shutters** Pairs of solid or slatted window coverings, traditionally hinged to the exterior of a building to either side of a window, used to block light or wind from the interior of a building. **Side Light** A fixed window positioned to the side of a doorway or window. **Slate** A finely-grained, foliated rock, native to Pennsylvania, Vermont, and New York, and found in many colors. Slate has been used to roof buildings in the United States since the colonial era. **Spire** A slender, pointed construction atop a building, often a church. **Stained Glass** Colored glass. Stained glass windows are fitted with pieces of colored glass, which often depict a picture or scene. **Stick-work** A wooden grid of boards overlaid atop an exterior surface. **Striated Brick** Brickwork made up of rows of bricks of alternating colors, typically red and white. **Stucco** A plaster used as a coating for walls and ceilings, and often used for decoration; it is common to many parts of the world, particularly to the Mediterranean region and to the regions of the United States once colonized by Spain. **Terrace** An outdoor extension of a building, situated above the ground level, and open to the sky. **Thatched Roof** A roof covered with straw, which is layered so as to shed rain quickly and effectively. **Tile Roof** A roof covered with tiles that are usually hollow and half-cylindrical in shape, and made out of clay. Tile roofs are common in many parts of the world, including the Mediterranean and the Southwestern United States. **Tile Inset** A panel of clay or ceramic tile. **Tower** An exceptionally tall portion of a building. **Traditional Ethos** A spirit, character, custom, etc. A traditional ethos encompasses folk lore, music, art, dress, and building methods, among other things. **Transom Light** A narrow window, sometimes hinged at the top, positioned over a doorway or larger window. **Truss** A rigid framework, as of wooden beams or metal bars, which supports a structure, such as a roof. **Turret** A small tower that pierces a roofline. A turret is usually cylindrical, and is topped by a conical roof. **Tuscan Order** See Doric Order. **Veranda** An open, roofed porch, usually enclosed on the outside by a railing or balustrade, and often wrapping around two or more or all of the sides of a building. **Vernacular Architecture** Architecture created from mostly local materials, by and for the use of local people. Vernacular architecture responds to local methods of building construction, local climates, and local living needs and traditions. As local environments evolve over time, so too does vernacular architecture. Vernacular architecture typically exhibits the traditional ethos of its builders. These years marked the height of both the British Empire and the Industrial Revolution, when the United Kingdom became a global power, and its culture, including its architecture, assimilated influences from all over the world. **Window Sash** The movable frames in a window in which window panes are set. **Wooden Clapboards** Long slats of wood that are nailed to an exterior surface in a horizontal fashion, overlapping one another from top to bottom. Clapboards are a traditional weather-proofing device. **Wooden Shingles** Small, rectangular-shaped slats of wood that are nailed to an exterior surface, overlapping one another from top to bottom. Shingling is a traditional weather-proofing method for building. The designation expands the district by approximately buildings. Help support our programs in advocacy, funding and outreach. Please be sure to include an email address in your billing information so that we may keep you informed of activities and events. The Trust for Architectural Easements is not a chartered bank or trust company, or depository institution. It is not authorized to accept deposits or trust accounts and is not licensed or regulated by any state or federal banking authority.

Chapter 3 : Glossary of Architectural Terms | Trust for Architectural Easements

Definition of architecture 1: the art or science of building specifically: the art or practice of designing and building structures and especially habitable ones 2 a: formation or construction resulting from or as if from a conscious act the architecture of the garden.

Bays The number of bays refers to the width of a building by counting the number of openings including both doors and windows. A house with a center door and a window on either side has 3 BAYS. **Belfry** A small square bell tower placed atop a roof to house a bell, often found on churches and schools. **Board and Batten** A construction method for doors or walls in which the wood is arranged in vertical boards and held in place with a horizontal board called a batten. **Brackets** Ornamental supports, usually of wood or pressed metal, which appear at the cornice line of a building. They may be incised into a scrolled patten or be more simply molded and are common to all Italianate style buildings, but often appear with other styles as well. **Bulkhead** A bulkhead is a set of metal door providing an outdoor entrance to the cellar. **Buttress** A wall support usually of stone or brick placed at the sides of a building, commonly seen on some Gothic Revival style churches. **Chair Rail** A chair rail is decorative wooden trim attached horizontally at the approximate height of the back of a straight chair. **Chimneys** Chimneys are usually built of stone or brick more modern chimneys may be of cinder block and are located at either the exterior side walls of the building or at the center or interior of the building. Certain vernacular folk building patterns locate the chimney at the center of the house or at the corner. **Clapboard** A narrow wooden board, thinner at one edge than the other, applied horizontally to the exterior walls of buildings to form a weather-tight wall surface. **Column** A support pillar, usually round, found on porches and as a decorative detail. **Column Capitals** Capitals are the tops of round columns and may be of several distinct types or orders. Greek Doric capitals are fluted and plain, Roman Doric capitals are smooth and plain, Ionic capitals have a rams horns at all four corners, and a Corinthian capital is highly decorative with curling acanthus leaves. **Coping** The capping at the top of a wall for protection from weather elements. **Corbel** A decorative use of brick atop the windows, walls or chimney or to create the shape of a bracket or dentil at the top of a building beneath the cornice. **Cornice** A cornice is the finished edge of the roof where it meets the exterior wall, of varying sizes, sometime plain, but often decorative and marked by brackets, dentils, medallions or some other decorative feature. **Crenelated Parapet** A low retaining wall at the edge of a roof or porch with a uniform pattern of openings creating a battlement. In medieval times the openings were used for the defense of fortresses, hence the term battlement. **Cresting Roof** cresting is a lacy decorative fencing made of wrought iron, rimming the edge or peak of a roof, often seen in Second Empire Mansard style buildings. **Cupola** A cupola is a decorative, small, projecting tower at the top of the roof of a building, often square, round or octagonal in shape. **Dormer** A window opening at the roof level, topped by a front gable or shed roof. **Eaves** The edge of the roof that overhangs the exterior walls, sometimes with exposed rafters. **Eyelid Dormer** A half-elliptical decorative window placed in the roof surface, resembling the shape of an eye. **Facade** The face of a building, usually referring to the front. **Fanlight** A semi-circular fan shaped window placed atop a door, commonly seen in Federal and Colonial Revival style buildings. **Fenestration Pattern** The arrangement of windows across the facade of a building. **Finial** A decorative piece set atop a spire, cupola, gable or gate post. **Flemish Gable** A decorative gable form, often seen in Flanders and the Netherlands, the sides of which drop in a cascade of right angles, also called a crow-stepped gable. Used as a decorative embellishment in Victorian era styles in the USA. **Floor Plan** The layout of the various levels of a building, showing the location of rooms, interior walls, chimneys, porches and staircases. **Fluting** Fluting is a decorative finish for wooden columns or trim where parallel grooves are carved vertically along the surface. **Lintel** The flat horizontal piece at the top of a window. **Masonry** A type of construction using stone, brick, tile or concrete block using mortar. **Molding** A decorative raised surface along the edge of an architectural feature such as a window, column, door or wall. **Mortar** A mixture of sand, water, lime and cement used to lay bricks, stone, tile or concrete block. **Mullions** The wooden divisions between panes of glass on windows. **Ogee Arch** A center pointed arch with reverse curve sides, often seen on Exotic Moorish Revival style buildings. **Oriel Window** A projecting bay

window supported by brackets or a triangular support piece. Palladian Window A three-part, round-arched window, named for the 15th century Italian architect Andreas Palladino, also known as a Venetian Window and common in the Georgian and Colonial Revival styles. Parapet A parapet is a low stone or brick wall at the top of a building. A crenelated parapet has rhythmic breaks in the wall to create a pattern of battlements. Pediment A triangular space created by a front facing gable roof, often seen in Classical Revival style buildings. Pendant An ornamental piece of wood or metal hanging down from a porch, cornice or bracket. Pent Roof A narrow shed style roof placed above the first floor of a building to protect the doors, windows and lower walls, often covering all four sides of the building. Pilar A support column without classical detailing. Pilaster A pilaster is a narrowly protruding column attached to a wall, giving the illusion of a real free standing support column. Pointed Arch An arch with a strong center point, usually seen in Gothic Revival style buildings. Porch A roofed space outside the main support walls of a building. Portico A small entrance porch. Quoins Quoins are decorative rectangles or squares of stone, brick, wood or concrete, placed at the corners of buildings to add architectural interest. Rafters The wooden structural support beams for a roof, sometimes visible on the exterior for certain building types and styles. Roof Roofs can be steep, flat or gently sloped and take many forms, gable, gambrel, hipped, stepped gable, shed, pent or Mansard. The roof type is an important key to identifying the style of a building. Round Arch A semicircular arch over a window or door. Segmental Arch A slightly rounded arch over a window or door. Semi-Elliptical Arch A elongated round arch over a window or door. Sill The flat horizontal bottom piece of a window or door, often of wood, but sometimes of stone. Stoop The uncovered wide step leading into the front or main door of a building. Stories The number of stories a building reflects its height by counting the stacked floors. Stucco A thin coating of plaster applied over exterior walls. Tourelle A small tower, often trimmed with corbelling. Tower A tall structure, either square or round in shape, rising higher than the rest of the building. Tracery Window A pointed arch window filled with curving stone mullions often seen on Gothic Revival style buildings. Transom Light A flat, glass panel above a door, usually multi-paned. Tudor Arch A flattened arch with a center point above a door or window, commonly seen in Tudor Revival style buildings, also called a 4 centered arch. Turret A small tower at the corner of a building. Wainscot The wainscot is the wood covered lower portion of an interior wall, usually topped by a chair rail. A wooden wainscot can be plain or paneled with a pattern of raised wooden trim. Walls Historic exterior wall construction can be of log, stone, brick, frame or stucco over such. In the more modern era, wall material could be of formed concrete, glass, or metal. Carrera glass was an early 20th century innovation producing a sleek, smooth colored glass finish, often applied to first floor walls of commercial buildings. Weatherboard An exterior horizontal wooden board applied with the lower edge overlapping the board below used to form exterior walls wider and less shaped than a clapboard, although used for the same purpose. It is a snapshot of the website with minor modifications as it appeared on August 26, Pages in this Section.

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