

Vocabulary	Meaning
arch	a curved symmetrical structure spanning an opening
column	an upright pillar, typically cylindrical
frieze	a broad horizontal band of sculpted or painted decoration
ellipse	a regular oval shape
arena	a level area surrounded by seating, in which sports, entertainment and other public events are held
architecture	the art or practice of designing and constructing buildings
cornice	an ornamental moulding round the wall of a room just below the ceiling
geometric	geometric forms, such as circles, rectangles, triangles etc.
dome	a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure
oculus	a round or eye-like opening or design
link	make form, or suggest a connection with or between
intertwine	twist or twine together
tesserae	a small block of stone, tile, glass or other material used in the construction of a mosaic
ceramic	made of clay and permanently hardened by heat
grouting	a mortar or paste for filling crevices, especially the gaps between wall and floor tiles
adhesive	able to stick fast to a surface or object; sticky
secure	fix or attach (something) firmly so that it cannot be moved

### Key knowledge – Ancient architecture

Trajan's Column, The Pantheon, Arch of Constantine and the Colosseum are all ancient Roman **architecture**. They have the features of columns, **friezes, arenas, dome and cornices** within them



Arch of Constantine



The Pantheon



Trajan column



Colosseum

### Key knowledge – Mosaic

**Mosaics** are a picture or pattern produced by arranging together small pieces of stone, tile, glass etc. (**tesserae**) One type of mosaic is a byzantine mosaic.

