

Middle Ages Art Vocabulary

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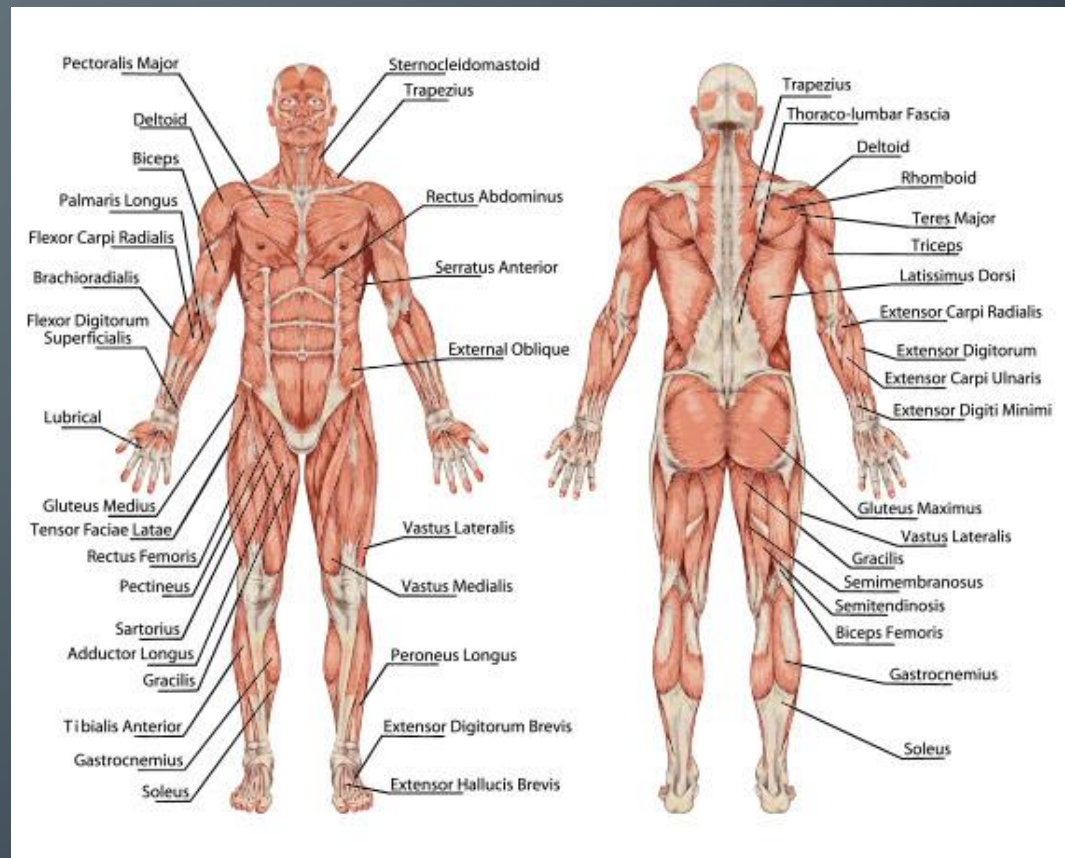
- a religion that has many gods or goddesses, considers the earth holy, and does not have a central authority

Salvation

- deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ

Anatomy

- concerned with the bodily structure



Dogma/ Doctrine

- set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true

Divine

of, from, or like God or a god

Antiquity

- the ancient past, especially the period before the Middle Ages

Sculptural relief

- sculpture consisting of shapes carved on a surface so as to stand out from the surrounding background



Papyrus

- very thin paper made by strips of a plant laid together, soaked, pressed, and dried, used by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans



Parchment

- a stiff, flat, thin material made from the skin of an animal and used as a durable writing surface in ancient and medieval times



Stained glass

- colored glass used to form decorative designs, notably for church windows, both by painting and especially by arranging contrasting pieces like a mosaic



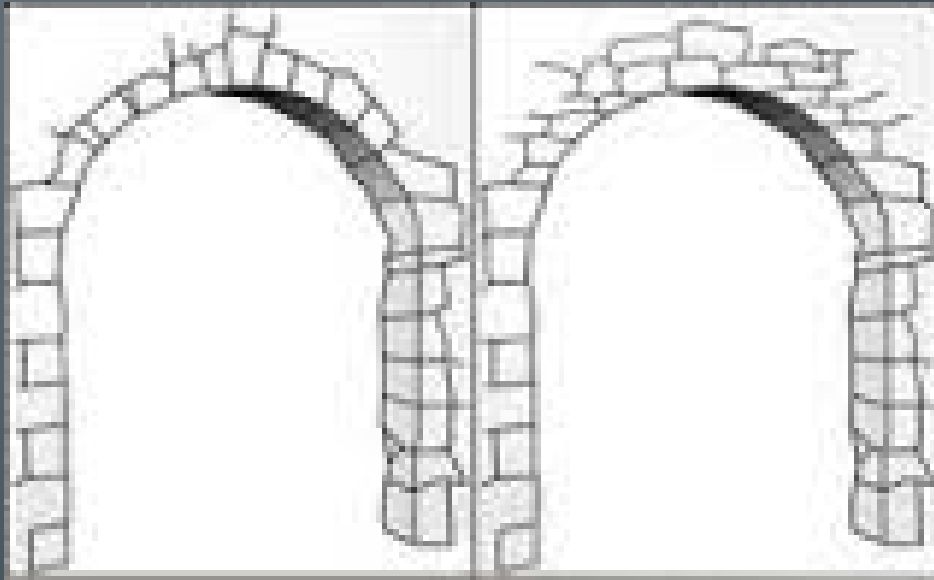
Architectural Vocabulary

Architecture

- *the art of designing and constructing buildings*

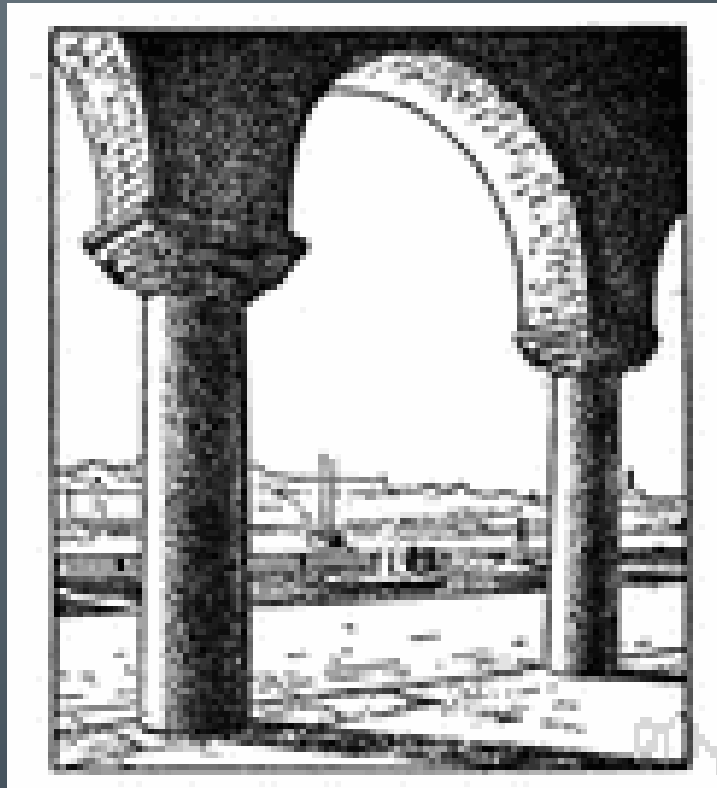
Arch

- a curved symmetrical structure spanning an opening and typically supporting the weight of a bridge, roof, or wall above it



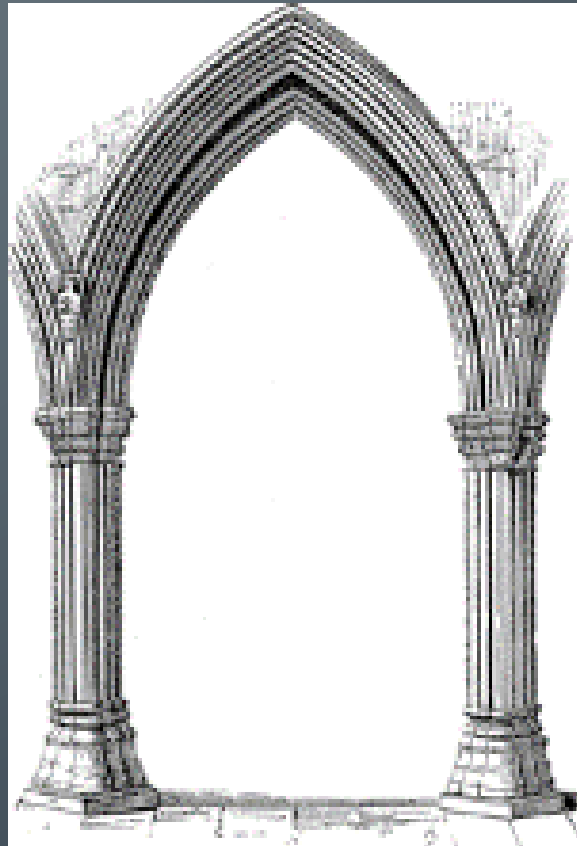
Round arch

- an arch formed in a continuous curve



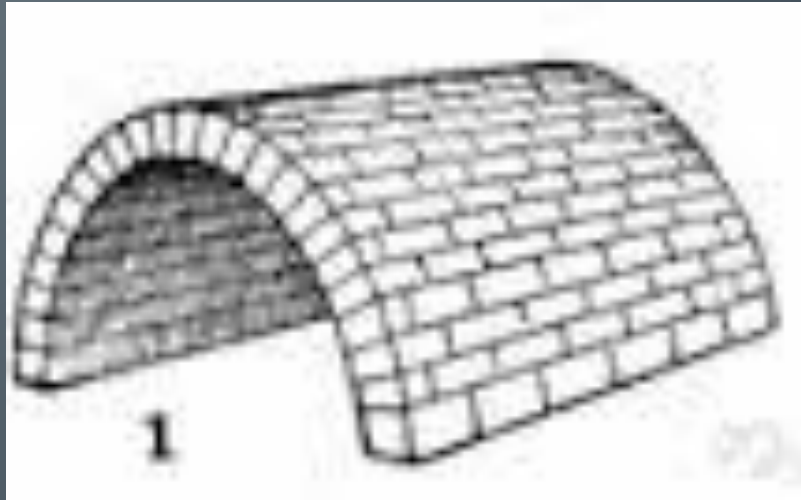
Pointed arch

- an arch with a pointed crown



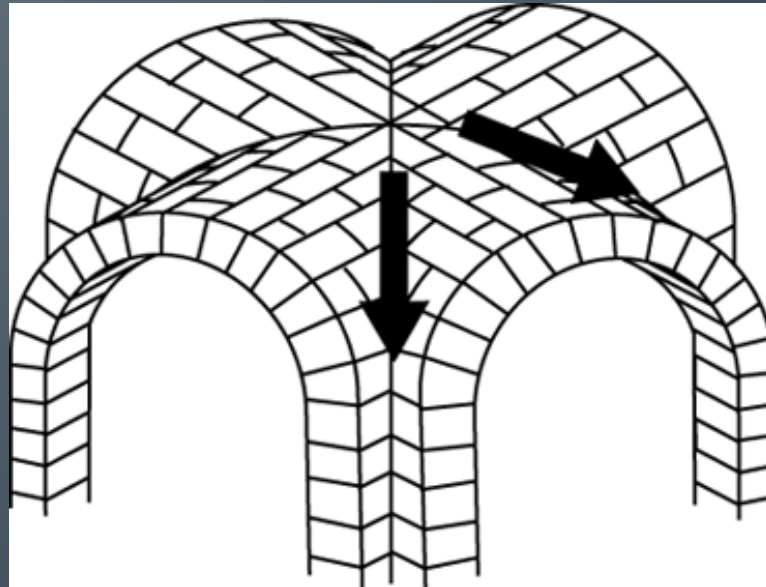
Barrel vault

- a vault forming a half cylinder



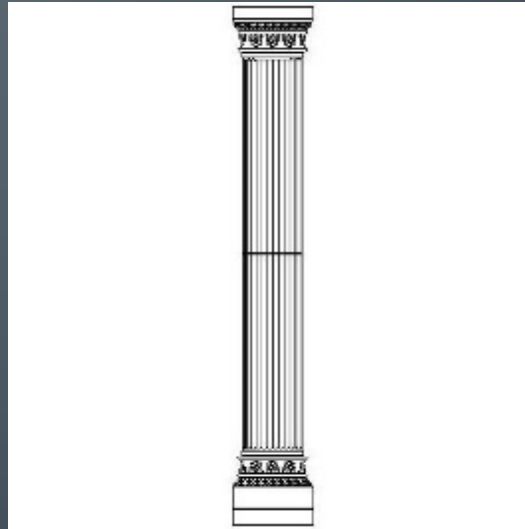
Groin vault

- (sometimes known as a double barrel vault) is produced by the intersection at right angles of two barrel vaults



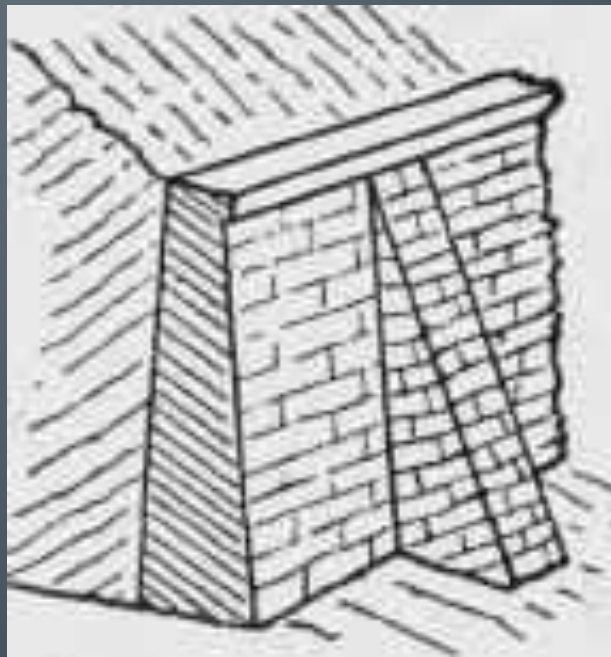
Column

- an upright pillar, typically made of stone or concrete, supporting an arch, or other structure or standing alone as a monument



Buttress

- a projecting support of stone or brick built against a wall



Flying buttress

- a buttress slanting from a separate pier, typically forming an arch with the wall it supports

