Museum on Wheels: Architecture & Design





What is Repli-tecture?

Repli-tecture is an architectural term created by the man pictured here, Roger Thomas. Roger Thomas said, "Repli-tecture is when you try to make someone believe they're in another time or place."

There are many hotels and casinos in Las Vegas that use this architectural style. For example, The Mirage and Bellagio, which are not "themed" hotels but rather inspired by the architecture and design of the tropics, Northern Italy, and Southern France.



Styles of Architecture

Now that we have an understanding of Replitecture from designer Rodger Thomas, let's look at different styles of architecture and discover the most common characteristics of each!

Medieval

- •Large round arches
- •Barrel vaults (arches placed side by side to create a ceiling or hall)
- Few windows
- Pointed Arches





Egyptian

 Massive walls covered with hieroglyphic and pictorial carvings

Flat roofs

Pyramids





Roman

- Use of domes
- Roofs shaped like a half-globe
- Arches used to support ceiling





Greek

- Tall columns
- Symmetry
- Built to feel better connected to their Gods





Javanese

Pitched roofs

- Use of wood and brick for walls and roof
- Metal roofing in upper points for stability





Chinese

Symmetry

Feng Shui

- Horizontal expansion rather than vertical
- Courtyards and gardens
- Wooden





Persian

Domes

Elaborate ornamentation

Calligraphic texts

Geometric patterns





Neoclassical

- Domed and flat roofs
- Columns
- Blank Walls
- Balance of straight lines and geometric shapes
- Influenced by Roman architecture





Bauhaus

Flat roofs

- Smooth façade (face of the building)
- Monochromatic
- Anti-ornament
- Abstract





Renaissance

- Used Roman type columns
- Arches and domes inspired by Roman and Greek architecture
- Ceilings are generally flat
- Symmetrical façade





Gothic

- Pointed arches
- Large stained-glass windows
- Ornaments (gargoyles)
- High walls





Art Deco

Vertical towers

Sculpted decorations & geometric designs

Angular outlines

Metal Casement windows





Mid-century modern

- Clean lines
- Lack of ornamentation
- Large floor to ceiling windows
- Open floor plans
- Functionality



