

Become A Capitol Architecture Detective

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Capitol Architecture Information

What is an architect?

An architect is a person whose job is to draw up plans for buildings and structures and makes sure these things are built correctly.

Who was the architect for the Arkansas State Capitol?

There were two architects for our state Capitol, George Mann and Cass Gilbert.

What is a column?

A column is a slender upright structure that generally consists of a base (bottom), a shaft (middle), and a capital (top). A column is used to help hold things up or for decoration. We have three styles of columns in the Arkansas State Capitol.

Corinthian – A column style indicated with the most ornate of designs at the capital of the structure.

Doric – A simple column style with the shaft of the column ending at the base and the capital.

Ionic – A column style indicated with a spiral design at the capital.

What is a dome?

A dome is a rounded roof. The Arkansas State Capitol has three domes. Two are made of copper and stained glass and one of limestone.

What is limestone?

Limestone is a rock that contains calcium carbonate, which comes from the remains of sea animals that were deposited in the rock. When limestone is put under great heat and pressure it becomes marble. The outside of the Capitol is built of limestone. The limestone was mined near Batesville, Arkansas.

What is marble?

Marble is a hard, grainy rock made of limestone. It is white or colored and can be highly polished. It is most often used in building and statues.

What is Neo-Classical?

Neo-Classical is a style of architecture that represents the revival of classical styles or themes, often combining styles of Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian. The Capitol is set in Neo-Classical design.

What is an arch?

An arch is an opening such as a doorway that is curved, pointed, or sometimes squared at the top.

What is a rotunda?

A rotunda is a round room or hall, especially one with a dome over it.

What is a cupola?

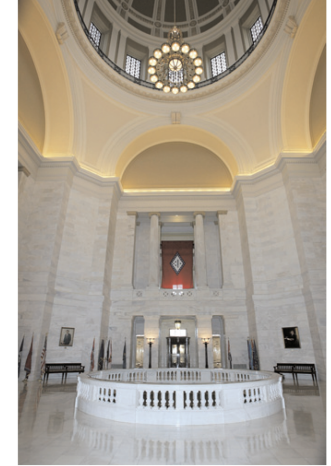
A cupola is a small structure on a roof. This ornament may resemble a lantern.

What is a balcony?

A balcony is a platform coming out of the wall of a building and is enclosed by a railing.

Capitol Fun Facts

- The Arkansas State Capitol took sixteen years to build, beginning in 1899 and completed in 1915.
- The front doors of the Capitol are made of bronze, and polished to keep their golden glow.
- The gold tip of the cupola on the dome is covered in gold leaf.
- The capitol building is 440 feet long, 190 feet wide, and 213 feet tall.
- The capitol building has 260 steps inside the building.



Can You Find It?

Find a column, dome, rotunda, arch, balcony and cupola in the photos and circle them.

Match the columns with the correct architectural style.

Corinthian



Doric



Ionic



Circle the Architectural Words

D F S J T K J D K X S Q D L A
X C U B L Y W R H S C C R P Y
N E O C L A S S I C A L E K U
N E H R W D R M Y H G D Y X E
S D M C I O O C B Q L S J G Z
D G A C T N I M N M I M J A N
W E A U Y R T S E A O U X P O
G F N X O V E H Y S L R Q K R
S D L D H J A L I D A A K H B
A E I O N I C L V A P L L E G
X R H G S H N D W M N F O I G
T N V C X Q T Z F U H L P F Q
R N E E R W R U G I L D P I M
E F M E W A B P L N Y O X J A
S N M U L O C P F K E R V L T

ARCHES
CORINTHIAN
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ROTUNDA

COLUMNS
DORIC
NEO-CLASSICAL

Answers: Corinthian-middle, Doric-bottom, Ionic-top

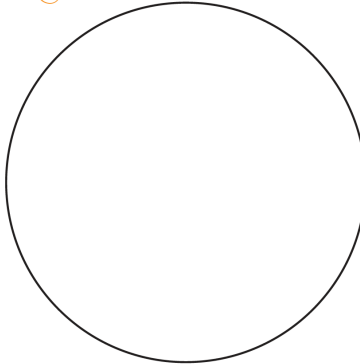
Get to know Arkansas: the Natural State



The State Seal

On the shield of the state seal are a steamboat, a plow, a beehive, and a sheaf of wheat, which are symbols of Arkansas's industrial and agricultural wealth. The Angel of Mercy, the Sword of Justice, and the Goddess of Liberty surround a bald eagle. The eagle holds in its beak a scroll inscribed with the Latin phrase "Regnat Populus," our state motto.

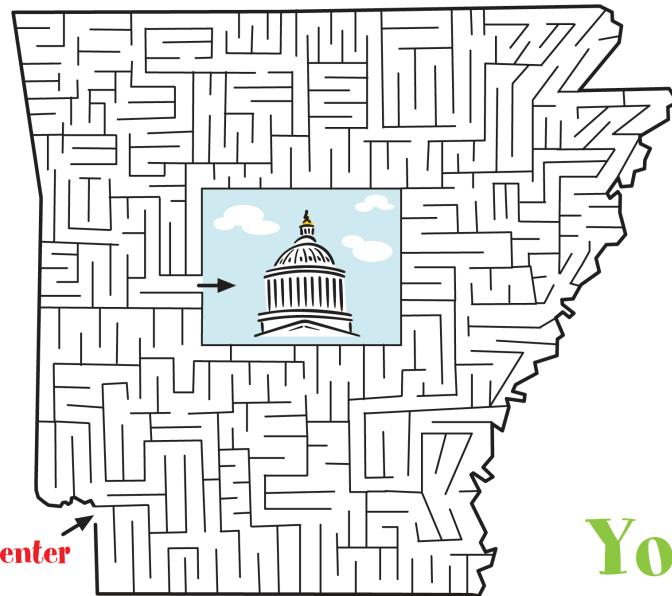
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Did You Know...?

- The word "Arkansas" came from the Quapaw Indians, by way of the early French explorers. The explorers met a group of Native Americans, known as the Ugakhpah, which means "people who live downstream." These Native Americans were later called the Quapaw, who were also called the Arkansaw. This name came to be used for the land where these Native Americans lived.
- Arkansas became the 25th state admitted into the Union on June 15, 1836.
- Arkansas is the only state that has a public diamond mine.
- Arkansas was the third state created from the Louisiana Purchase.

Find Your Way Through the Natural State



Arkansas Word Jumble

I L M K

The Arkansas State Beverage is _____.
(Clue: It comes from cows.)

I A M D N D O

The Arkansas State Gem is the _____.
(Clue: These beauties are a girl's best friend.)

E Y H B E O N E

The Arkansas State Insect is the _____.
(Clue: This insect loves sweets.)

I F D L D E

The Arkansas State Instrument is the _____.
(Clue: This instrument is also called a violin, and is often heard in folk music.)

What Does the State Motto "Regnat Populus" Mean?

To find out use the number key to find the correct letters and spell out words.

W T S E L Q R H V O U P
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2 8 4 12 4 10 12 5 4 7 11 5 4



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