

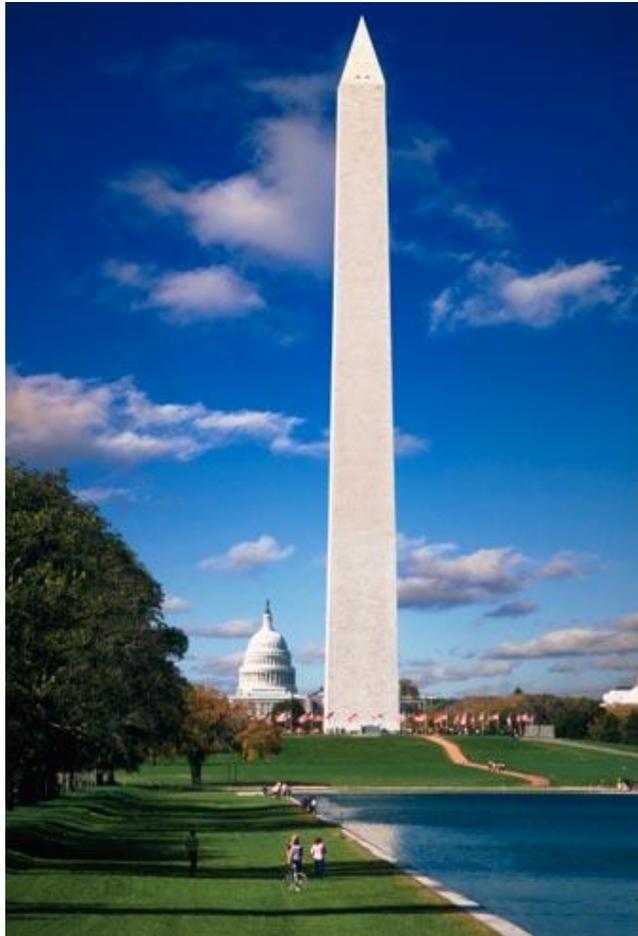


Pillar:

a tall vertical structure of stone, wood, or metal, used as a support for a building, or as an ornament or monument



Pillars of many varieties have been used across cultures and centuries to create memorable spaces, mark significant sites, or symbolize spiritual concepts.



Washington Monument

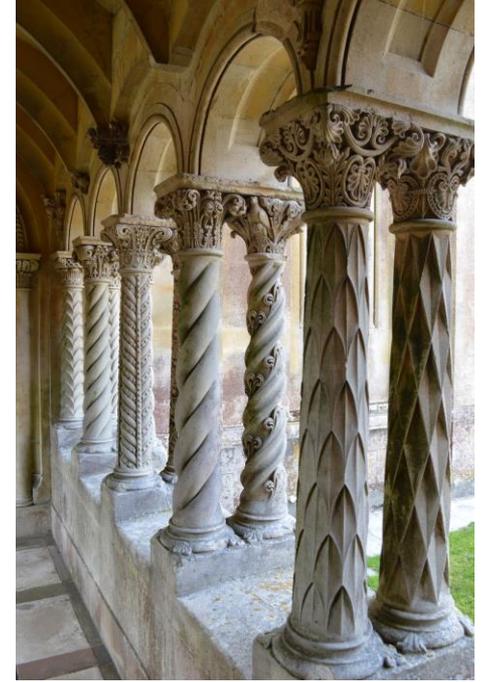
Pillars catch our attention through their HEIGHT and placement. They are meant to tower over us and draw our eyes upward.



Ashokan Pillar in India

Is it architecture?
Or sculpture?
Or somewhere in between?

When grouped together, pillars have more visual and symbolic impact.



Medieval Church pillars - England



Islamic pillars – Cordoba Mosque



*Buddhist temple pillars
in Sri Lanka*

Let's look some famous pillars from history:

- Prehistoric standing stones
- Egyptian obelisks
- Cathedral spires
- Watts Towers
- Urban Light



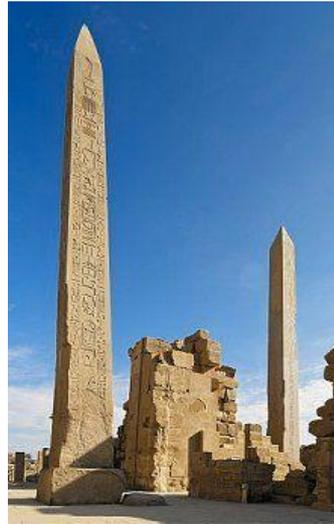
Prehistoric Standing Stones



Whatever they were actually used for, to walk among the long surviving stones is feel transported to another time and place, and to feel of their majestic power.



Egyptian obelisks



These tall pointed pillars were placed at the entrance to their temples and were symbols of the sun god, Ra, representing a petrified ray of sunlight.

Cathedral spires – The Sagrada Familia



These organic looking pillars (they may even remind you of sand castles) create a memorable visual impact that symbolizes the church's purpose of reaching towards the heavens.



Watts Towers

From 1921 to 1954, Sam Rodia welded a collection of 17 spiraling towers in his backyard in Los Angeles. He also added lots of mosaic tile details as well as many found objects that neighborhood children brought to him.



Urban Light

Artist Chris Burden created this pillar piece for the Los Angeles Museum of Art (LACMA) in 2008 using 202 restored street lamps from Southern California in the 1920s and 1930s.



It's like a forest of lamp trees!



We are going to make pillars out of PAPER!

