| Aisle | The portion of a basilica flanking the <i>nave</i> and separated from it by a row of <i>columns</i> or <i>piers</i> . | apse transept nave aisle narthex | |
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| Amphitheater | Greek, "double theater." A Roman building type resembling two Greek theaters put together. The Roman amphitheater featured a continuous elliptical <i>cavea</i> around a central <i>arena</i> . | | |
| Apse | A recess, usually semicircular, in the wall of a Roman <i>basilica</i> or at the east end of a church. | apse transept nave aisle narthex | |
| Arena | In a Roman <i>amphitheater</i> , the central area where bloody gladiatorial combats and other boisterous events took place. | | |
| Atrium | The court of a Roman house that is partly open to the sky. Also the open, colonnaded court in front of and attached to a Christian basilica. | | |
| Attic | The uppermost story of a building. | | |

| Basilica | In Roman architecture, a civic building for legal and other civic proceedings, rectangular in plan with an entrance usually on a long side. In Christian architecture, a church somewhat resembling the Roman basilica, usually entered from one end and with an apse at the other. | |
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| Capitolium | An ancient Roman temple dedicated to the gods Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva. | |
| Colonnette | (kŏl a-nĕt') A thin <i>column</i> . | |
| Composite Order | A classical order dating from late Roman times, formed by superimposing Ionic volutes on a Corinthian capital. | |
| Concrete | A building material invented by the Romans and consisting of various proportions of lime mortar, volcanic sand, water, and small stones. | |
| Dome | A hemispheric <i>vault</i> , theoretically, an <i>arch</i> rotated on its vertical axis. | |
| Domus | A Roman private house. | |
| Drum | One of the stacked cylindrical stones that form the <i>shaft</i> of a <i>column</i> ; the cylindrical wall that supports a <i>dome</i> . | |

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| Encaustic | A painting technique in which pigment is mixed with wax and applied to the surface while hot. |
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| Engaged Column | A half-round <i>column</i> attached to a wall. See also <i>pilaster</i> . |
| First Style Mural | The earliest style of Roman mural painting. Also called the Masonry Style, because the aim of the artist was to imitate, using painted stucco relief, the appearance of costly marble panels. |
| Forum | The public square of an ancient Roman city. |
| Fourth Style Mural | In Roman mural painting, the Fourth Style marks a return to architectural illusionism, but the architectural vistas of the Fourth Style are irrational fantasies. |
| Groin Vault | A groin or cross vault consists of two barrel vaults intersecting each other at right angles. |
| Nave | The central area of an ancient Roman basilica or of a church, demarcated from aisles by piers or columns. |
| Necropolis | Greek, "city of the dead"; a large burial area or cemetery. |

| Oculus (Pl. Oculi) | Latin, "eye." The round central opening of a dome. Also, a small round window in a <i>Gothic cathedral</i> . | |
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| Pilaster | A flat, rectangular, vertical member projecting from a wall of which it forms a part. It usually has a base and a capital and is often fluted. | |
| Portico | A roofed <i>colonnade</i> ; also an entrance porch. | |
| Second Style Mural | The style of Roman mural painting in which the aim was to dissolve the confining walls of a room and replace them with the illusion of a three-dimensional world constructed in the artist's imagination. | |
| Senate | Latin, "council of elders." The legislative body in Roman constitutional government. | |
| Superimposed Orders | Orders of architecture that are placed one above another in an arcaded or colonnaded building, usually in the following sequence: Doric (the first story), lonic, and Corinthian. Superimposed orders are found in later Greek architecture and were used widely by Roman and Renaissance builders. | |
| Terracotta | Hard-baked clay, used for sculpture and as a building material. It may be <i>glazed</i> or painted. | |

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| Tetrarchy | Greek, "rule by four." A type of Roman government established in the late third century CE by Diocletian in an attempt to establish order by sharing power with potential rivals. | |
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| Third Style Mural | In Roman mural painting, the style in which delicate linear fantasies were sketched on predominantly monochromatic backgrounds. | |
| Triumphal Arch | In Roman architecture, a freestanding <i>arch</i> commemorating an important event, such as a military victory or the opening of a new road. In Christian architecture, the arch framing the <i>apse</i> at the end of a church <i>nave</i> . | |
| Tumulus (Pl. | Burial mound; in Etruscan architecture, tumuli cover one or more subterranean | |
| Tumuli) | multichambered tombs cut out of the local tufa (limestone). Also characteristic of the Japanese Kofun period of the third and fourth centuries. | |
| Tuscan Order | The standard type of Etruscan <i>column</i> . Resembles ancient Greek <i>Doric</i> columns, but is made of wood, is unfluted, and has a <i>base</i> . The column height is normally seven times the diameter width. In comparison to the other orders, the Tuscan order looks the most solid. | |
| Veristic | True to natural appearance. | |