

Gothic Cathedral Notes

- Towers (Bell towers)
 - Always one bell tower but most often were twin bell tower
 - Functioned as a signal for the townspeople.
- Stained Glass windows
 - Rose window were common
 - Lots of different colors/ patterns
 - Sometimes displayed stories from the bible because people
- Pointed Arches
 - Not as stable as rounded arches
 - Elegant
- Statues/ religious figures
 - All around inside and outside the cathedral
 - Religious figures from the bible and the Christian religion.
- Spires
 - Tall tower that bring you closer to God
 - Used to locate Cathedral
- Columns/pillars
 - Not traditional Greek Columns
 - Surrounded the Cathedral in and out
- Flying buttresses
 - Take the weight from the buildings to the ground and support buildings
 - Flying Buttresses enables building tall and “light”
- Gargoyles
 - Used for decoration and served as rain gutters
- Vaulted ceilings/vaulted arches
 - One large arch made up of little arches connected by ribs
 - Not forgiving and challenging to build
 - Root shaped like a cross
- Alter and Chapels
 - Alter/located under spires with lots of gold and a cross of Jesus; only religious figures would go onto alter
 - Chapels around the inside walls
 - People could pray to other saints.