



ANCIENT COLUMNS

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Once you've read all about ancient Greek and Roman columns, go ahead and make your way through this activity pack to test your knowledge!

SHORT ANSWER

1. What is an order?
 - a style of classical architecture defined by certain characteristics of decoration and ornamentation
2. What material were columns usually made of?
 - Marble
3. List the orders of ancient Greek and Roman columns.
 - Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan, Composite
4. What is the defining characteristic of Corinthian columns?
 - fluted shafts and beautiful capitals decorated with carved acanthus leaves, flowers, and little scrolls
5. What two other orders is Composite a combination of?
 - Ionic and Corinthian
6. Which two orders originated in Rome instead of Greece?
 - Composite and Tuscan
7. When was there a revival of classical architecture?
 - the Italian Renaissance
8. What is the difference between Tuscan and Doric columns?
 - Tuscan columns have smooth shafts, Doric columns have fluted shafts



IDENTIFY

Label parts 1, 6, 7, and 8 on the diagram to the right using the following words:

Base, Capital, Entablature, Shaft

1 - Entablature

6 - Capital

7 - Shaft

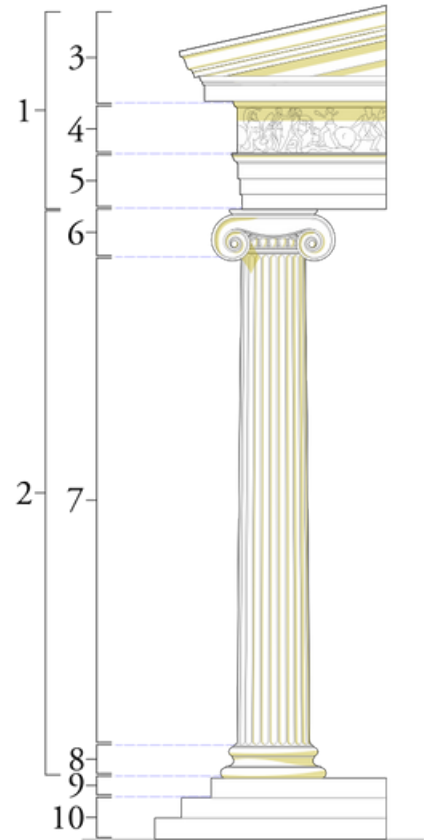
8 - Base

What order of column is this?

Ionic

What identifying features helped you figure out the order?

the decorative scrolls on the capital, also known as volutes.



TRUE OR FALSE

1. F The capital is at the bottom of the shaft of the column. (it's at the top)
2. T There are five orders of ancient Greek and Roman columns.
3. T Ionic columns are characterized by the volutes on the capital.
4. F Tuscan columns have fluted shafts. (Tuscan columns are the most plain-looking, with smooth shafts and no ornamentation)
5. F All columns have a base. (Some columns sit right on the ground or the floor of the building they are a part of.)



