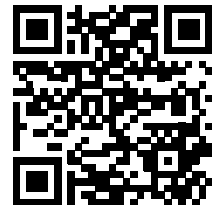


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Ancient Japanese Architecture



In ancient _____, architecture was more than just a way to build homes and temples; it was a _____ of the society's beliefs and values. The earliest structures, influenced by _____ architecture, showcased the cultural exchange between these neighboring countries. Wood, a _____ and abundant resource in Japan, became the primary material for construction, emphasizing harmony with nature. The introduction of _____ in the 6th century brought significant changes to architectural styles. Temples and _____ were designed to be in sync with the natural landscape, creating a sense of peace and tranquility. The famous _____ Shrine, rebuilt every 20 years, symbolizes the Shinto belief in renewal and impermanence. Another hallmark of this era was the construction of _____, which served as military strongholds and symbols of power. The use of tatami mats and sliding _____ in residential buildings reflected a minimalist and flexible approach to interior _____. Gardens were an essential element of ancient Japanese _____, representing miniature landscapes and expressing the beauty of nature. The _____ period marked the development of unique architectural innovations, such as the shinden-zukuri _____, which prioritized aesthetic appeal and courtly elegance. Despite influences from abroad, Japan's architectural _____ remained distinct, focusing on simplicity, natural beauty, and a deep connection with the _____. This enduring legacy continues to influence modern architecture, both in Japan and around the _____.

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