

- Take a look at the picture:
- Pass out small examples
- Cologne Cathedral – Germany “High Cathedral of St. Peter and Mary”
- What are these buildings?
  - Churches 1150-1250 Gothic
  - In very homogenous communities – one religion
    - Cathedra – seat of the bishop
      - Center of town
        - Married, baptized, buried
        - Tell time by bell, hospitals, schools, orphanages, festivals, holidays all run by the church staff
- What does that mean?
  - Named after the Goths – uncivilized nothing to do with the architecture
- Why are these churches so high and tall?
  - Can you see the points reaching up to sky? Visual height.
  - Closer to God, Be the most beautiful and impressive to draw in people
- How did they build them so high?
  - Arches – show pictures
  - Flying Buttress – soaring feeling of power and light
- What else can you see on the outside of these cathedrals?
  - Sculptures - gargoyles
    - What are these for?
      - Superstitious – ward off evil spirits
      - Practical – rain spouts – so rain would not run down building and wear away the stone
- Inside sculptures and paintings, murals, - frescos
- Higher means more windows, what can you tell me about the windows?
- What might be purpose of the windows?
  - Keep out rain, snow, wind
  - Tell a story or educate – *many could not read*
  - Create a Holy Light
- The higher windows provided light – called Clerestory
  - These were more expensive – donated by lords and knights
- There is a special window in these churches, which one?
  - What might you call it?
    - Eye of God, or Rose window
    - Symbolic of unity of the church and “everlasting reign of God in the universe”
    - It was very important and expensive – who paid for this one?
      - Kings and queens