

The Gothic period

A. What can you remember from the film? Complete the gapped text using the words in the box.

lanced windows - France - Celtic - 1250 - thinner - Gothic - Paris - cathedrals -
coloured glass - architecture - masterpieces - flooded with colour - 80

- 1 In around _____ the Romanesque period came to an end. A new era of architecture, originating in _____, spread to northern and central Europe: the _____ style.
The style developed from Northern Germanic, _____ and southern-Romanesque influences in around 1140 in the region around _____. By around 1220 we can see the beginnings of Gothic architecture in
- 5 Germany as well.
Gothic buildings are characterised by _____ walls, high columns, ribbed vaulting and high, artistically manufactured _____. Because of the many tall windows the interior became much lighter. The master builders deliberately used _____ for the windows so the interior became _____ which must have impressed medieval people.
- 10 The _____, the great episcopal churches, are the _____ of Gothic art and medieval architecture. Indeed they are an impressive achievement technique-wise and in organisational terms. Between 1180 and 1240 in France alone _____ cathedrals were built.
As the Middle Ages waned, the period of Gothic architecture also came to an end. Renaissance and Baroque would influence European _____ in the centuries to come.

B. Assignment: Cathedrals of the Gothic period

Not an easy task! Match the names with the photos:

Strassburg Cathedral, Cologne Cathedral, Regensburg Cathedral, St. Stephan's Cathedral in Vienna


