

The Romanesque

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

cubiform capitals - six - rulers - 1250 - Speyer - thick - late Roman - sacred buildings - era of architecture - crypt - columns - towers - "Pfalzen" - monastery church

1 In around 1000 AD, the Romanesque style of building developed out of _____ and early medieval architecture and spread throughout Europe. Romanesque architecture is characterized by _____ walls, round-headed windows, impressive _____ and vaults and _____.

The late Roman Basilica of Trier served as a model for the _____. Gradually,

5 _____ were added and the church builders demonstrated their art in grand monastery and episcopal churches.

The fact that Romanesque architecture was also favoured by the _____ at the time becomes clear in the imperial palaces, the so-called _____. _____ Cathedral is also evidence for the glamour and power of the empire. In the _____ of the cathedral, the largest Romanesque

10 columned hall in Europe, eight kings and emperors were buried.

The masterpiece of Romanesque architecture is said to be the _____ of the Benedictine abbey of Maria Laach to the south of Cologne. The church is crowned by six towers. The abbey of Maria Laach and Limburg Cathedral are the last witnesses to the Romanesque art of building.

In around _____ the Romanesque period came to an end. A new _____

15 spread to northern and central Europe: the Gothic style.

B. Facts on the Romanesque era:

Building style of the _____

Developed out of: _____

Period of the Romanesque era: _____



Limburg Cathedral



cubiform capital