

Human Wonders

Calendar 2025

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Human Wonders

It has been our endeavour since 2013, at Group Welkin, to share the beauty of art through our annual calendars : a reminder of *'human possibility at its natural best'*!

After two beautifully appreciated 52-week calendars : Happiness 2022 and Nature 2023, Ayan wanted to raise his own bar of creative expression and aesthetic elegance.

Out of this inner calling was born **'Human Wonders' 2024 ...**

Marveling at the man-made architectural masterpieces created by human beings over time, it is a showcase testifying human ingenious!

Human Wonders 2024 has been a labor of love, and a commitment of over 500 hours of single-minded focused time, effort and dedication to create this repository of art ... a testimony to Ayan's attention to intricate detail and attempt towards perfection while pursuing each of his passions.

Over the nine-month journey from conception of the theme to the final physical manifestation on paper, Ayan Dharod (age 14) has balanced his varied endeavors judiciously : Grade 9 academics, finessing his piano skills, MUN debating, alongside basketball, theatre and travel.

A conscious decision to use only pen and ink on paper was made to bestow it an ethereal treatment, bereft of colors and visual effects, yet majestic and awe-inspiring!

The selection of monuments was quite challenging : choosing one meant dropping something equally good, while also ensuring diversity of architecture style as well as global geographic representation.

We sincerely trust that you will cherish this year's calendar as a reflection of our faith in mankind to rise over conflict and revel in our creations of 'Human Wonders'!

Wishing you a blissfully wonderful 2024 ahead ...

For a cause : 100% revenues from the calendar would go to the Group Welkin CSR initiatives.

SERENE STROKES

Serene strokes is a self-expression about creating our mark, as we journey through life, in symphony with our tranquil blue planet.

It is about carving our footprints on the sands of time, alongside a calm and composed existence.

Every moment, we are painting our life canvas, through the way we live and touch lives around us.

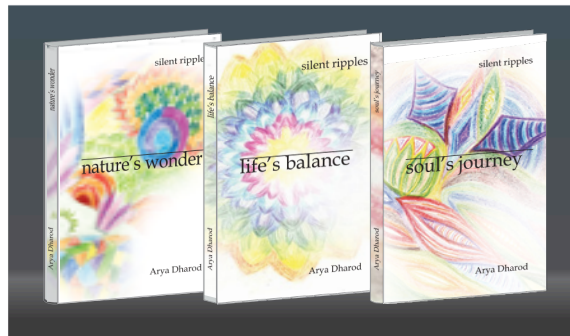
Anything worthwhile has to evolve through 'Serene Strokes' which stand the test of time beyond constantly evolving seasons, fashions, tastes...

An inward process towards igniting sparks of growth, transcending our present paradigms, towards a 'higher grace'.

Inspiring change!

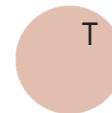
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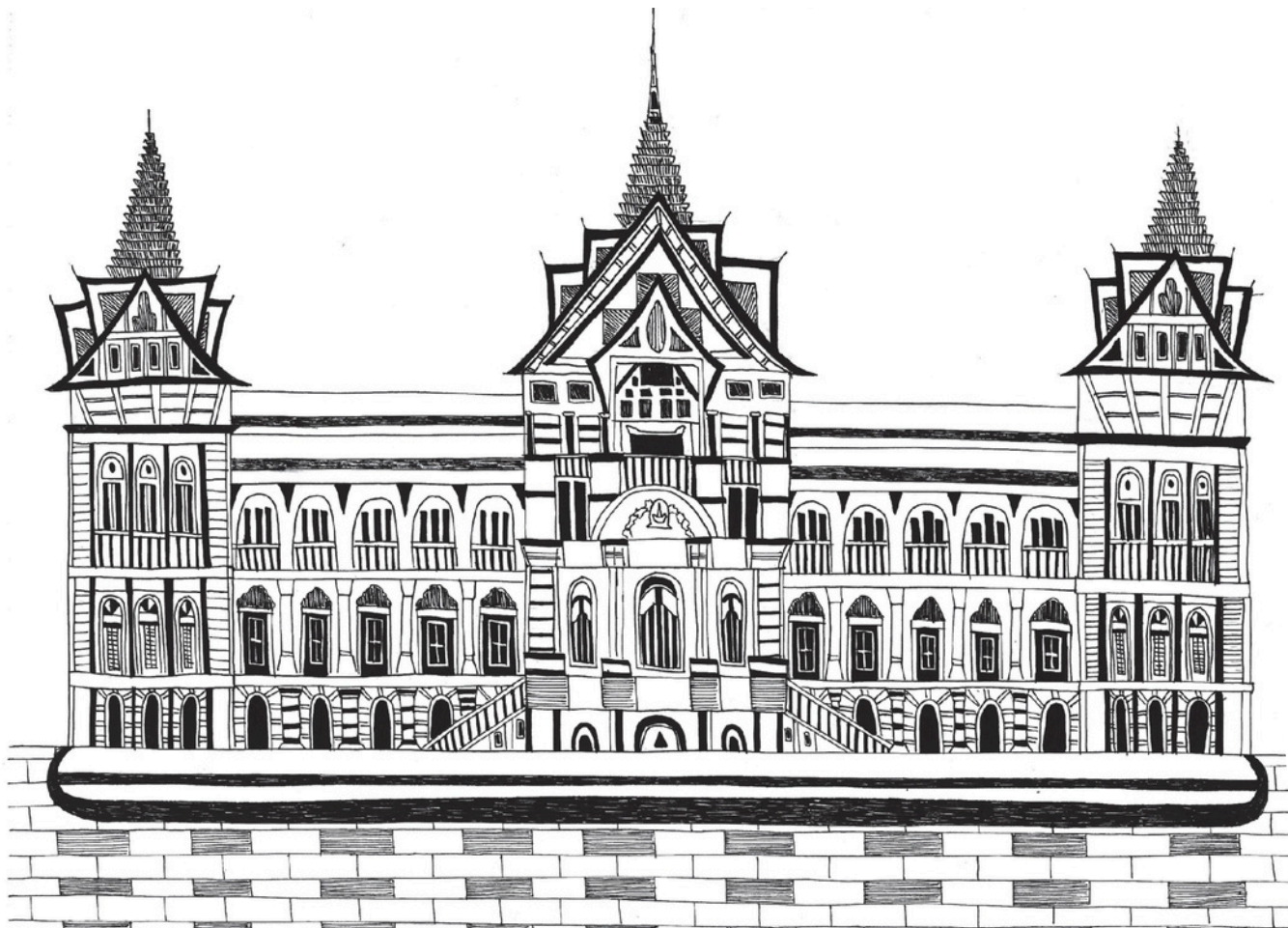
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Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France. Year of completion – 1345

Significance – One of the popular symbols of Paris, the Notre Dame Cathedral, inspired by Gothic architecture, is home to many important religious and historical artifacts, distinguished for its size, antiquity and architectural interest.

Week 2
January 2025



The Grand Palace, Bangkok, Thailand. Year of completion – 1782

Significance – Located at the heart of Bangkok, the Grand Palace served as the former residence of a series of kings of the Rattanakosin Kingdom (founded by King Rama the First), and is used today for hosting royal ceremonies, welcoming many authorities and dignitaries.

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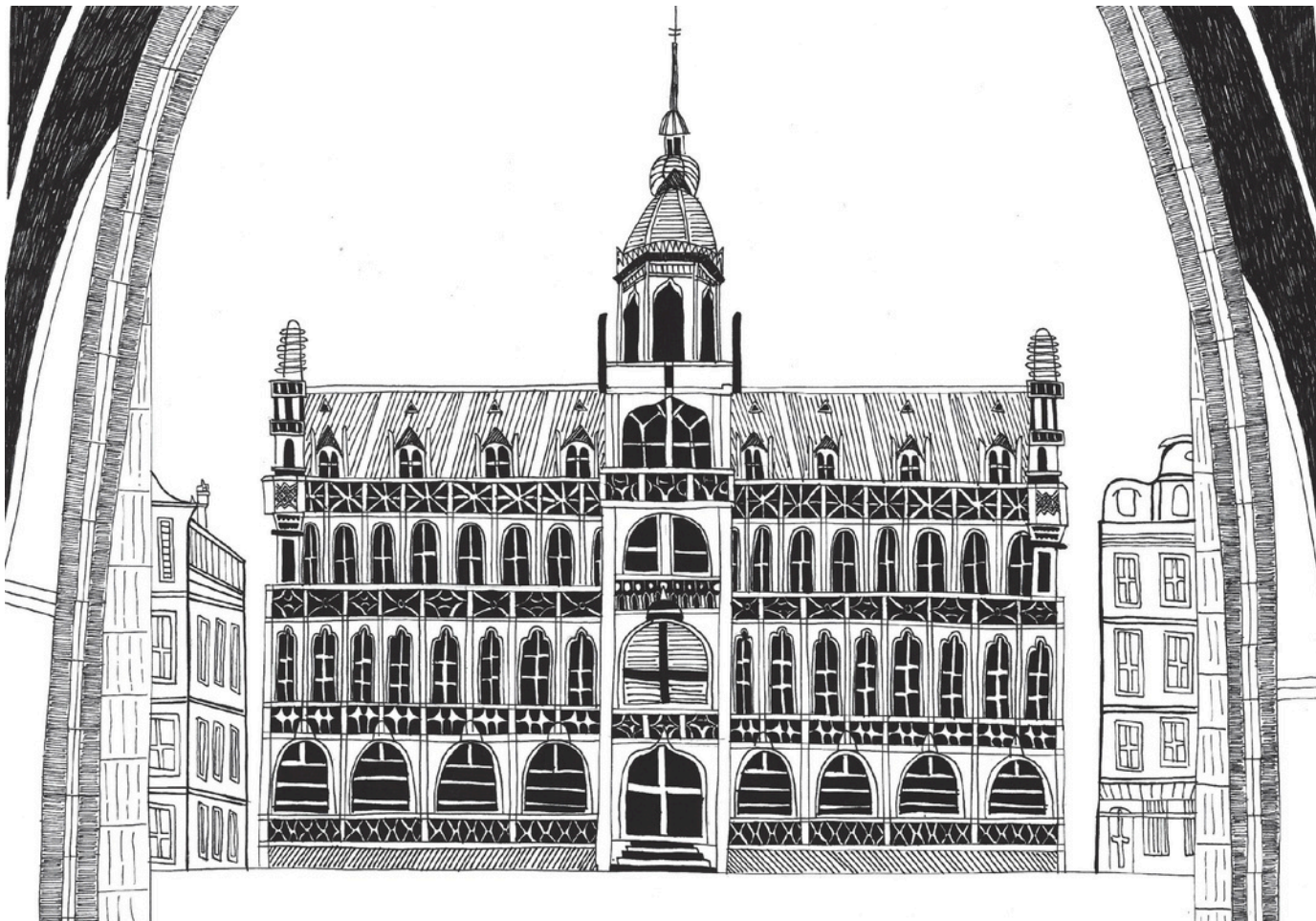
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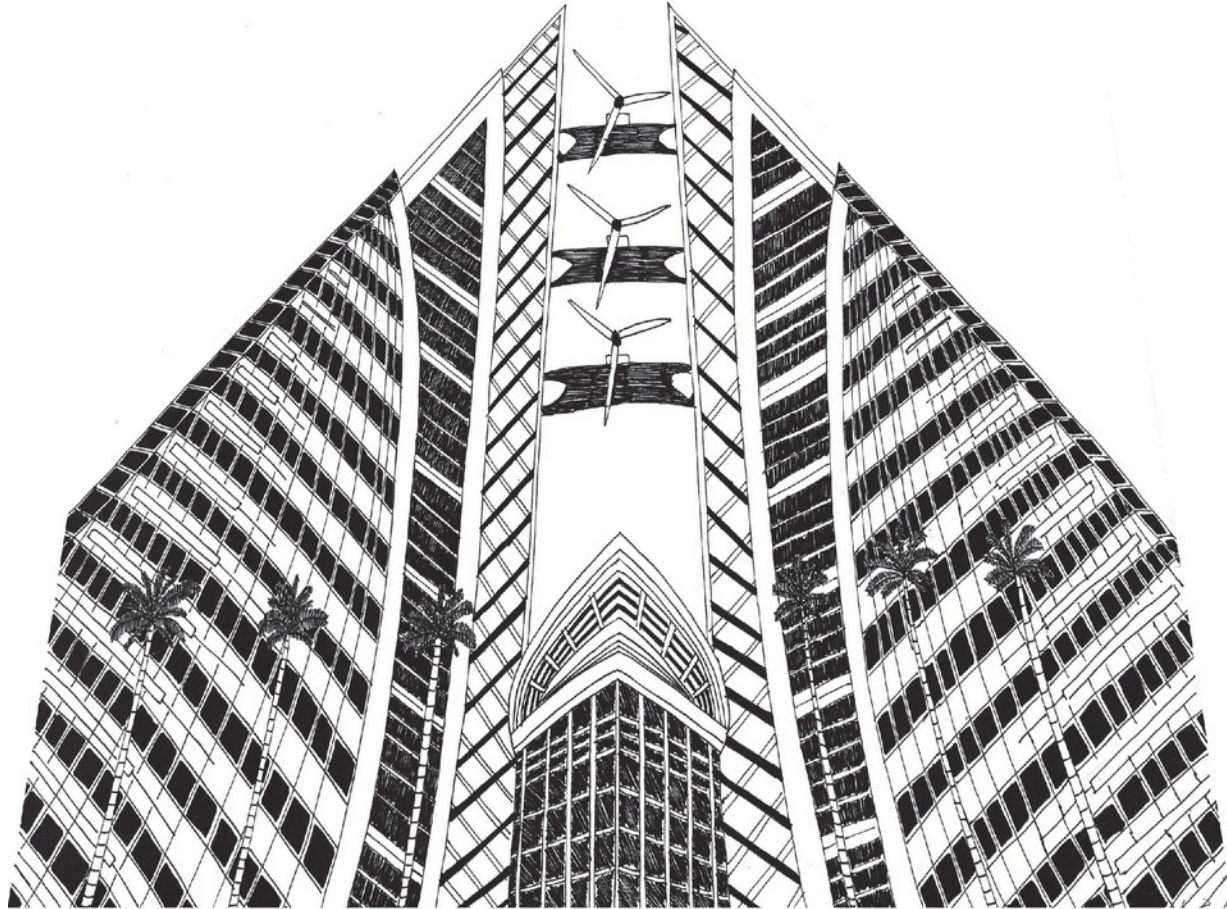
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Grand Place, Brussels, Belgium. Year of completion – 1454

Significance – Often considered the most beautiful square in the world, Grand Place still has a political and administrative function today as it houses the City of Brussels Town Hall, which is the workplace of the mayor and their elected members part of the city council.



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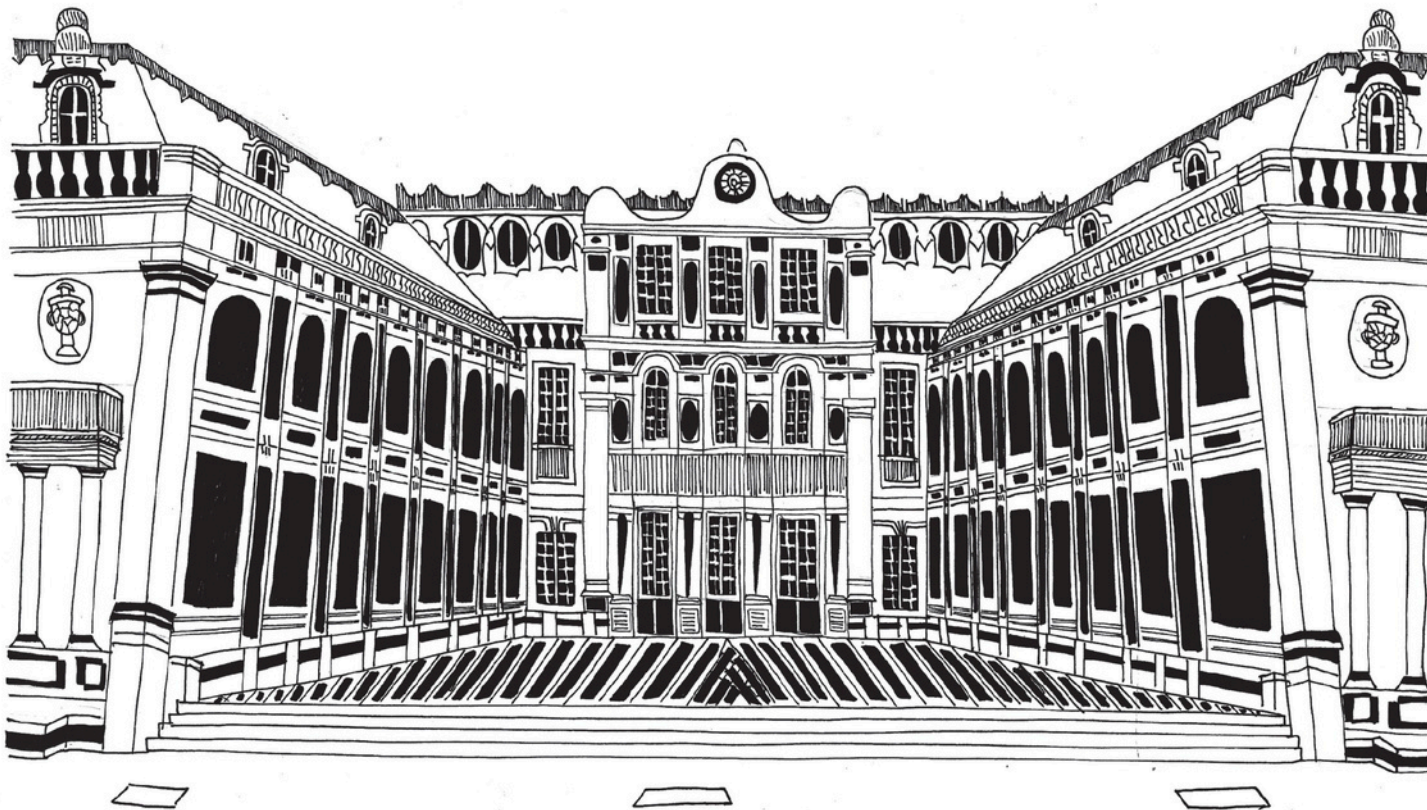
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Bahrain World Trade Center, Manama, Bahrain. Year of completion – 2008

Significance – Bahrain's first 'intelligent building' inspired by traditional Arabian wind towers, the beautiful Bahrain World Trade Center has become a symbol of Bahrain and an icon of sustainable design and engineering. The building offers a functional office space for leading regional and international organizations.

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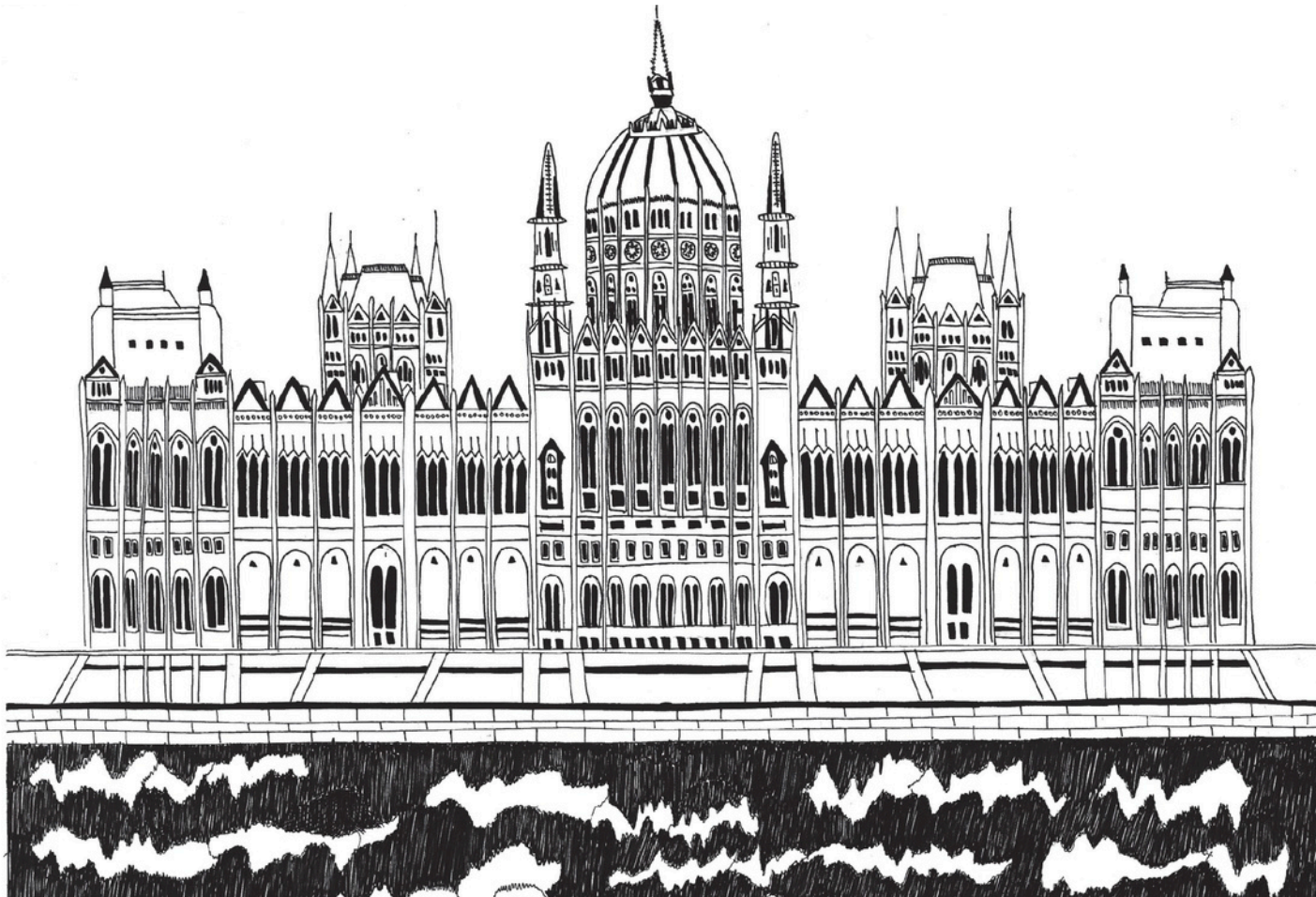
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Palace of Versailles, Versailles, France. Year of completion - 1682

Significance – Palace of Versailles was the principal residence of the French kings from Louis the fourteenth (XIV) to Louis the sixteenth (XVI), and was chosen for the signing of the peace treaty of World War One in 1919, becoming a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979.

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February 2025



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Hungarian Parliament Building, Budapest, Hungary. Year of completion – 1904.

Significance – Also known as the Parliament of Budapest, the Hungarian Parliament Building is the seat of the National Assembly of Hungary and remains a symbol of the nation's sovereignty as it was completed on the country's 1000th anniversary in 1896.

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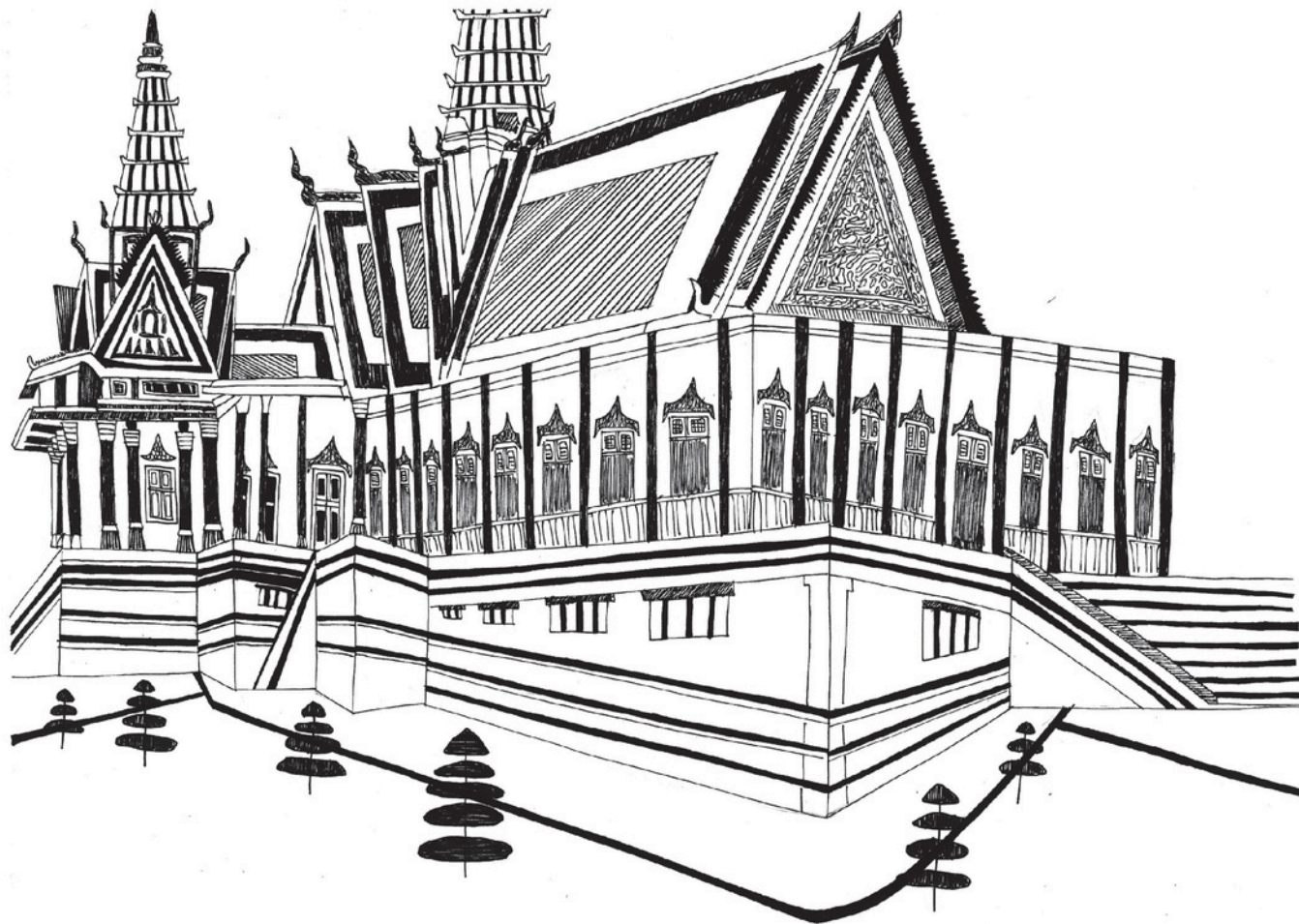
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St. Basil's Cathedral, Moscow, Russia. Date of completion – July 12, 1561

Significance – Officially known as the Cathedral of the Intercession, this monument was built to celebrate the Russian victory over the Khanate of Kazan, instilling national pride, recognizable from afar with its 'nine multi-hued onion domes'.



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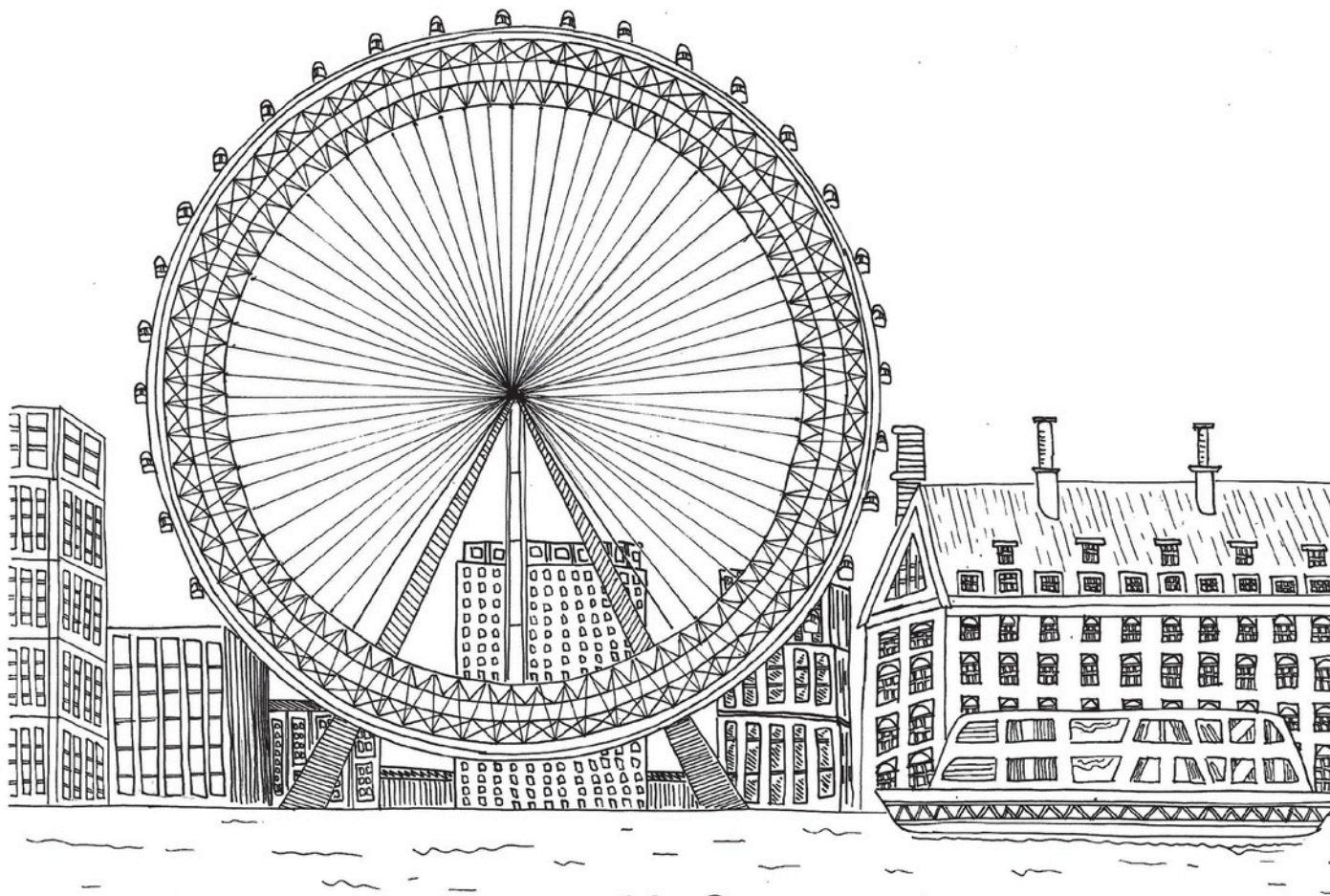
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Royal Palace, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Year of completion – 1866

Significance – The Royal Palace, constructed after King Nordon (then king of Cambodia) relocated the royal capital from Oudong to Phnom Penh, is the primary residence of the King of Cambodia, comprising of a throne and other precious monuments in which the highlight remains the Silver Pagoda.

Week 9 February /
March 2025



London Eye, London, England. Date of completion – December 31, 1999

Significance – As the world's largest cantilevered observation wheel, the London Eye was built to symbolize the start of the new century and millennium and won over 85 awards for national and international tourism, architectural quality and engineering feats.

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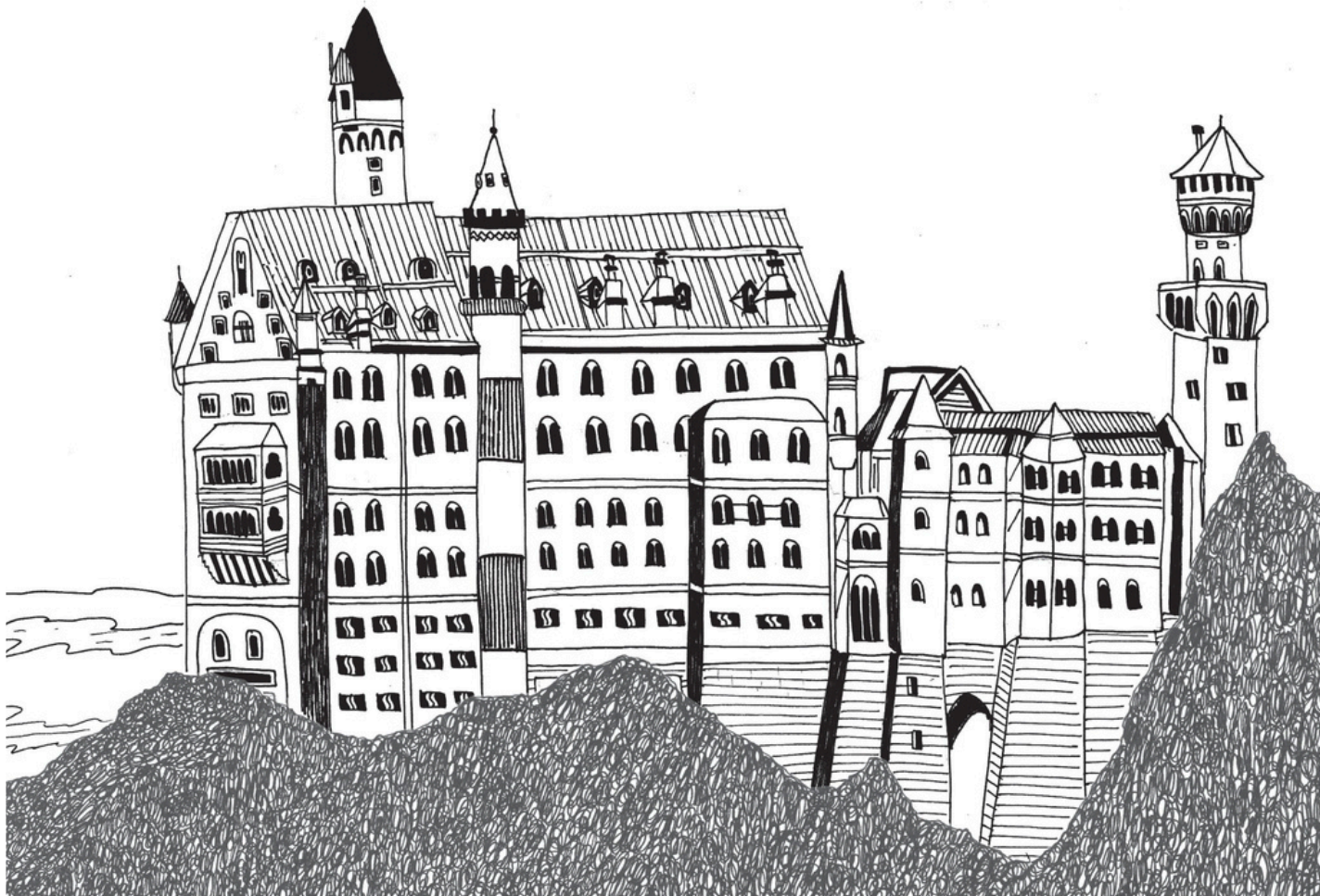
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Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna, Austria. Remodeled in 1740s - 50s

Significance - Schönbrunn Palace is one of Austria's most important cultural assets, with beginnings dating back to the Middle Ages, acting as the main summer residence of the Habsburg Rulers, who controlled an empire ruling over Austria, Hungary, Bohemia and the Spanish empire.



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Neuchwanstein Castle, Swchangau, Germany. Year of completion – 1886

Significance – Located in Bavaria, a state in Germany, Neuchwanstein Castle is famous for its unique architecture inspired by medieval German design, and is known to be a castle of paradox, since it was built in a time when castles were no longer needed as strongholds.



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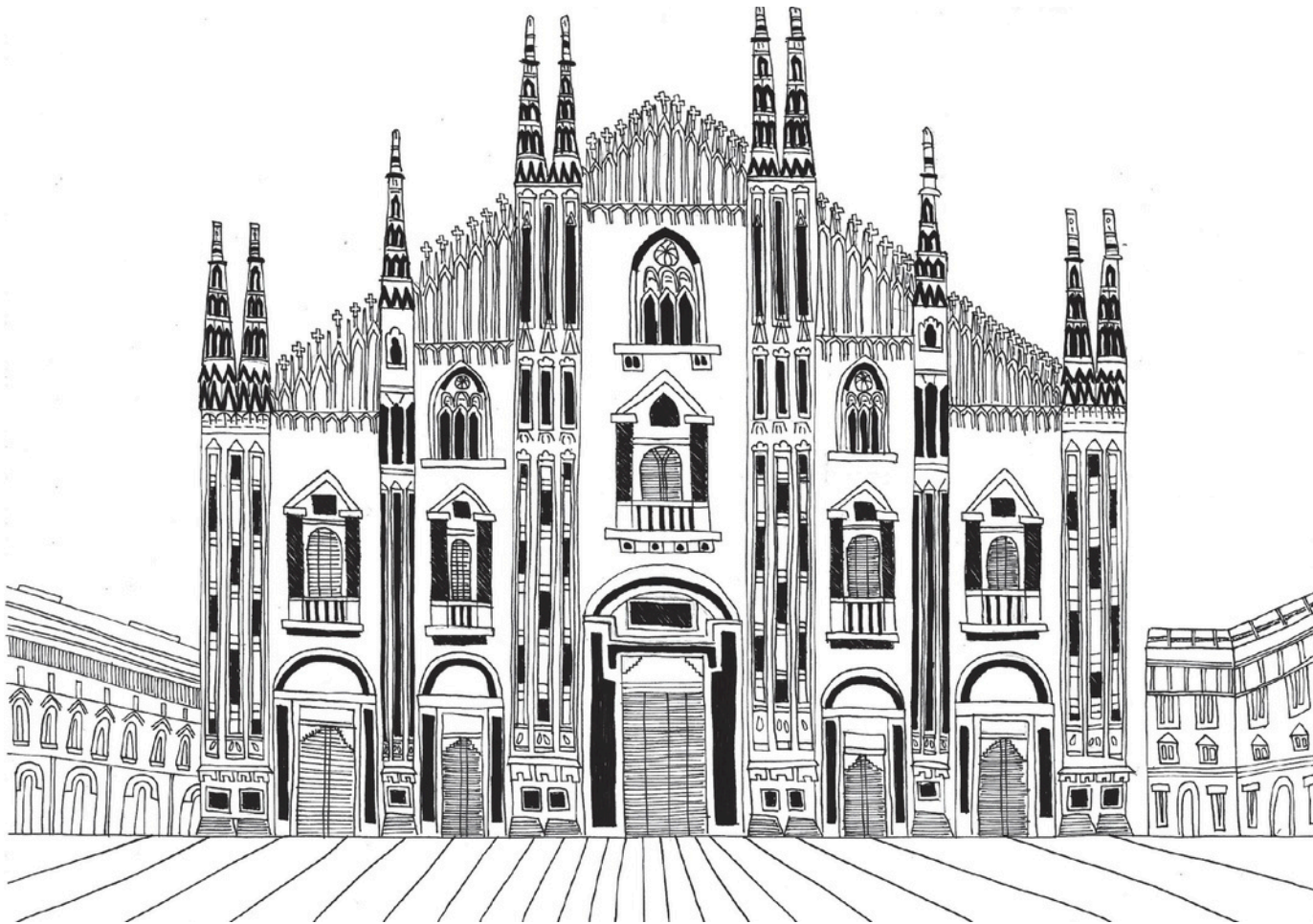
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Helsinki Cathedral, Helsinki, Finland. Year of completion – 1852 Significance – The Helsinki Cathedral on the northern side of the Senate Square sets a platform for national and academic festive services as one of the most popular tourist attractions in Finland, distinctive from the city's landscape by its tall green dome surrounded by four smaller domes.



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Duomo di Milano, Milan, Italy. Date of completion – January 6, 1965

Significance – Duomo di Milano is the largest church in Italy, and is the centerpiece of the entire city, with contrasting styles including Romanticism (late 18th century), Gothic Revival (second half of the 17th century) and Flamboyant (late Middle Ages and Renaissance).

Week 14 March /
April 2025



Tokyo Tower, Tokyo, Japan.

Date of completion – December 23, 1958

Significance – Along with the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and the Shinkansen bullet train, the Tokyo Tower was built as a symbol of Japan's high economic growth and the Japanese rebirth post the second World War, returning to its place as one of the world powers.

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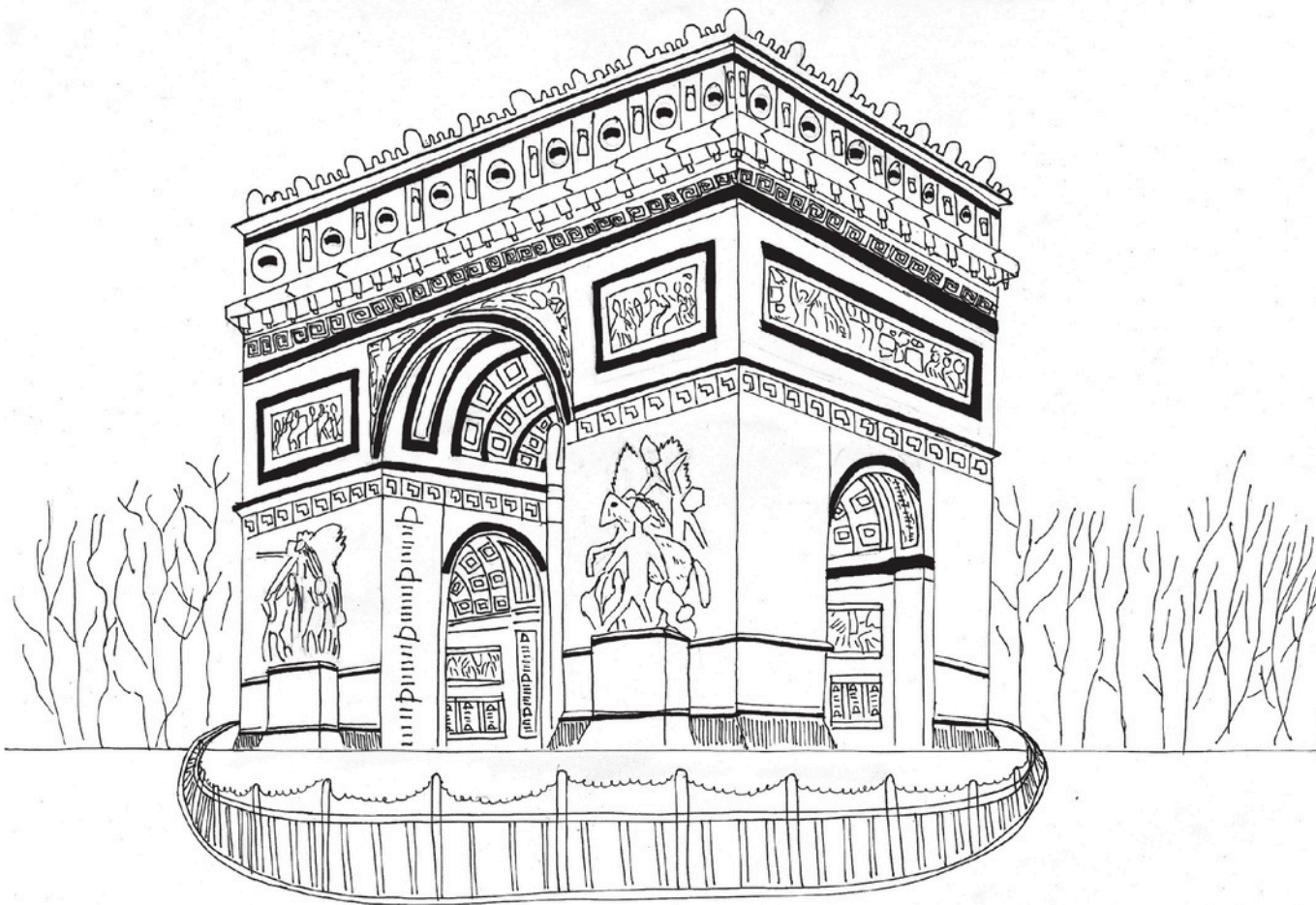
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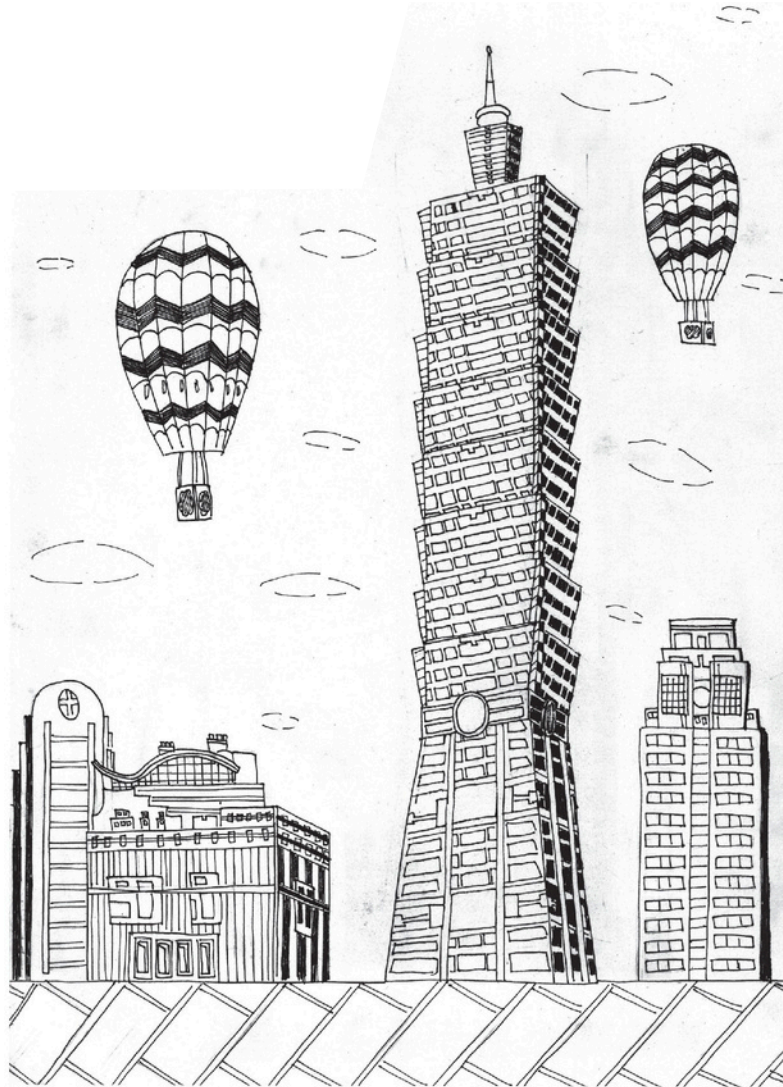
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Arc De Triomphe, Paris, France. Date of completion – July 29, 1836

Significance – The arc pays honor to those who fought and lost their lives during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, and also helps preserve the memories of all the victories of the French army, instilling nationalistic pride.

Week 16
April 2025



Taipei 101, Taipei, Taiwan.
Date of completion – December 31,
2004

Significance – Taipei 101 was built to emphasize on Taiwan's technological evolution and its growing prosperity on the world stage, with features that can withstand the many earthquakes and regional tropical storms in Taiwan, which is a part of the Pacific Ring of Fire.

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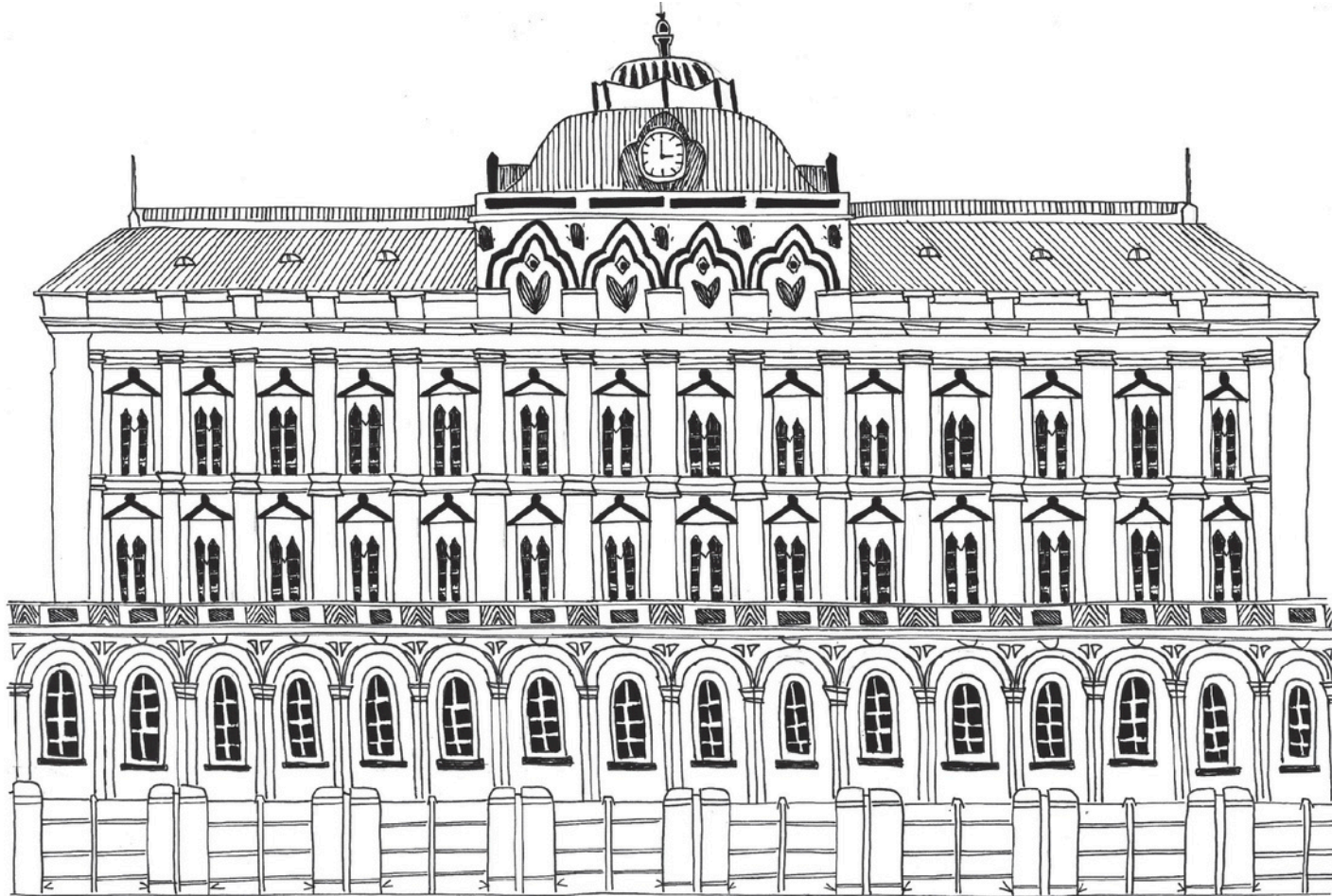
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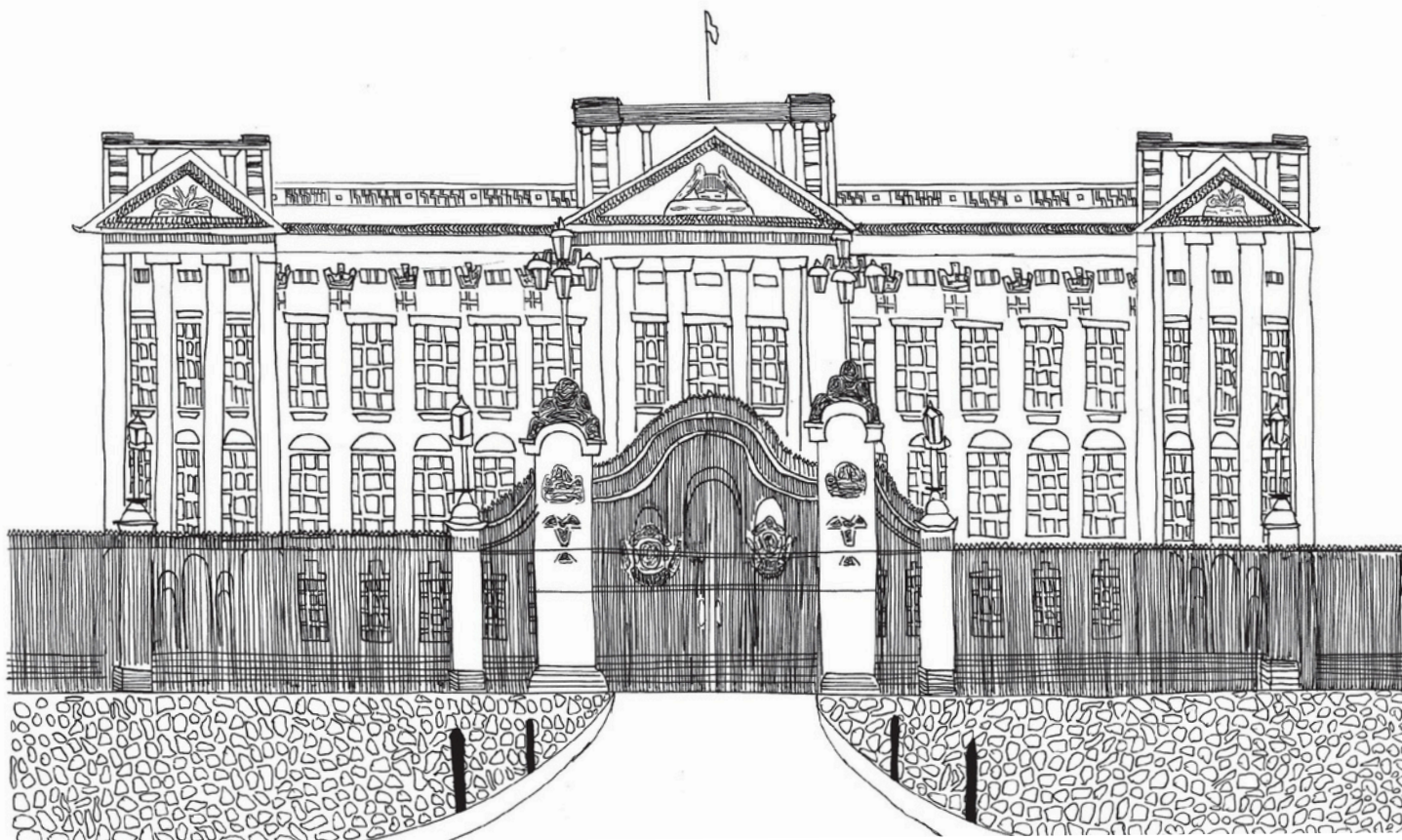
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Grand Kremlin Palace, Moscow, Russia. Year of completion – 1849

Significance – As of 2023, the Grand Kremlin Palace, which was originally built as a new imperial palace, became the official residence of the Russian president, acting as the center of the country's political life where all official events occur.

Week 18 April /
May 2025



Buckingham Palace, London, England. Year of completion – 1705

Significance – The Buckingham Palace acts as the private residence of the British sovereign, becoming known as the Queen's House, and is often used as a site for ceremonial, political and administrative affairs for the monarch of the United Kingdom.

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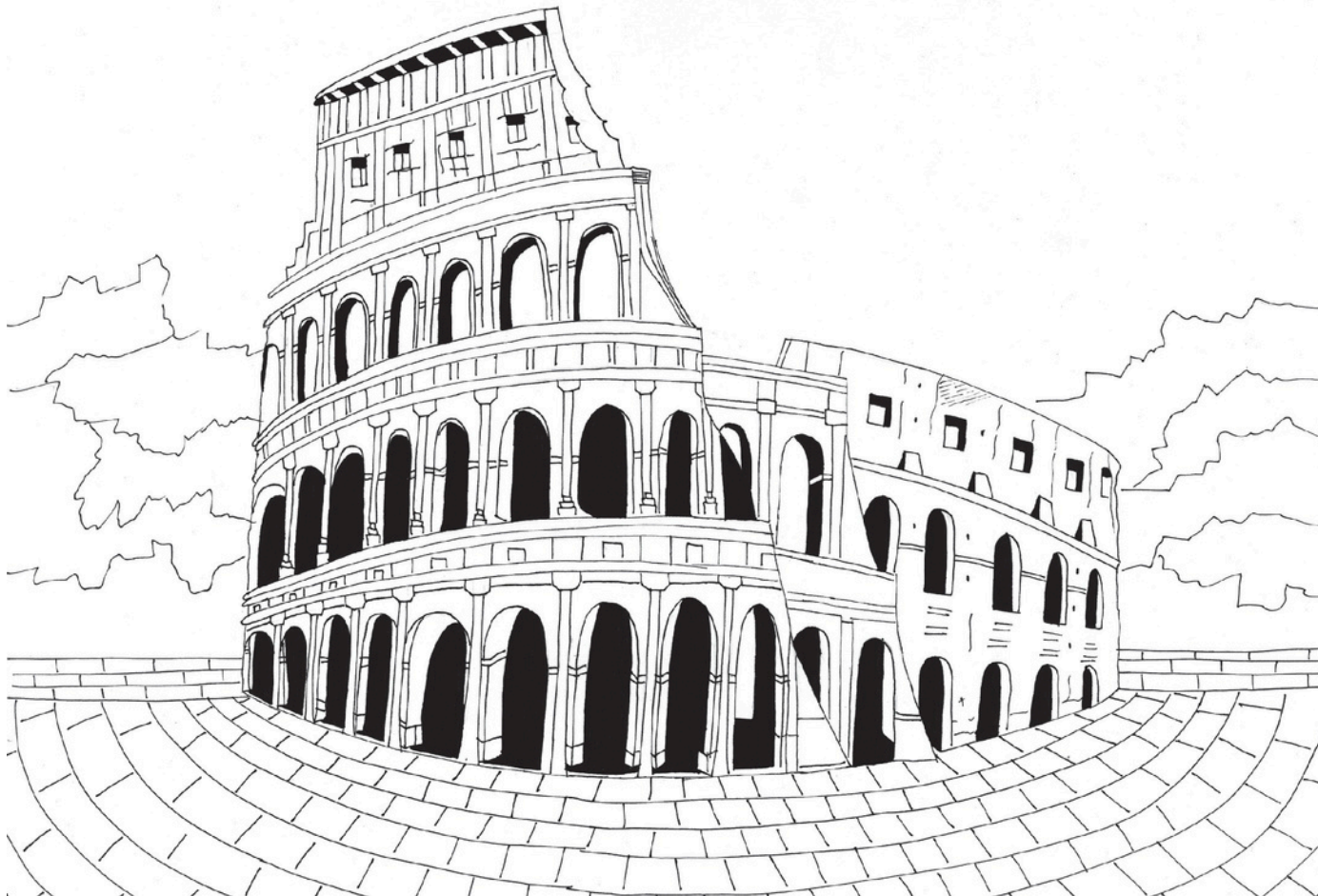
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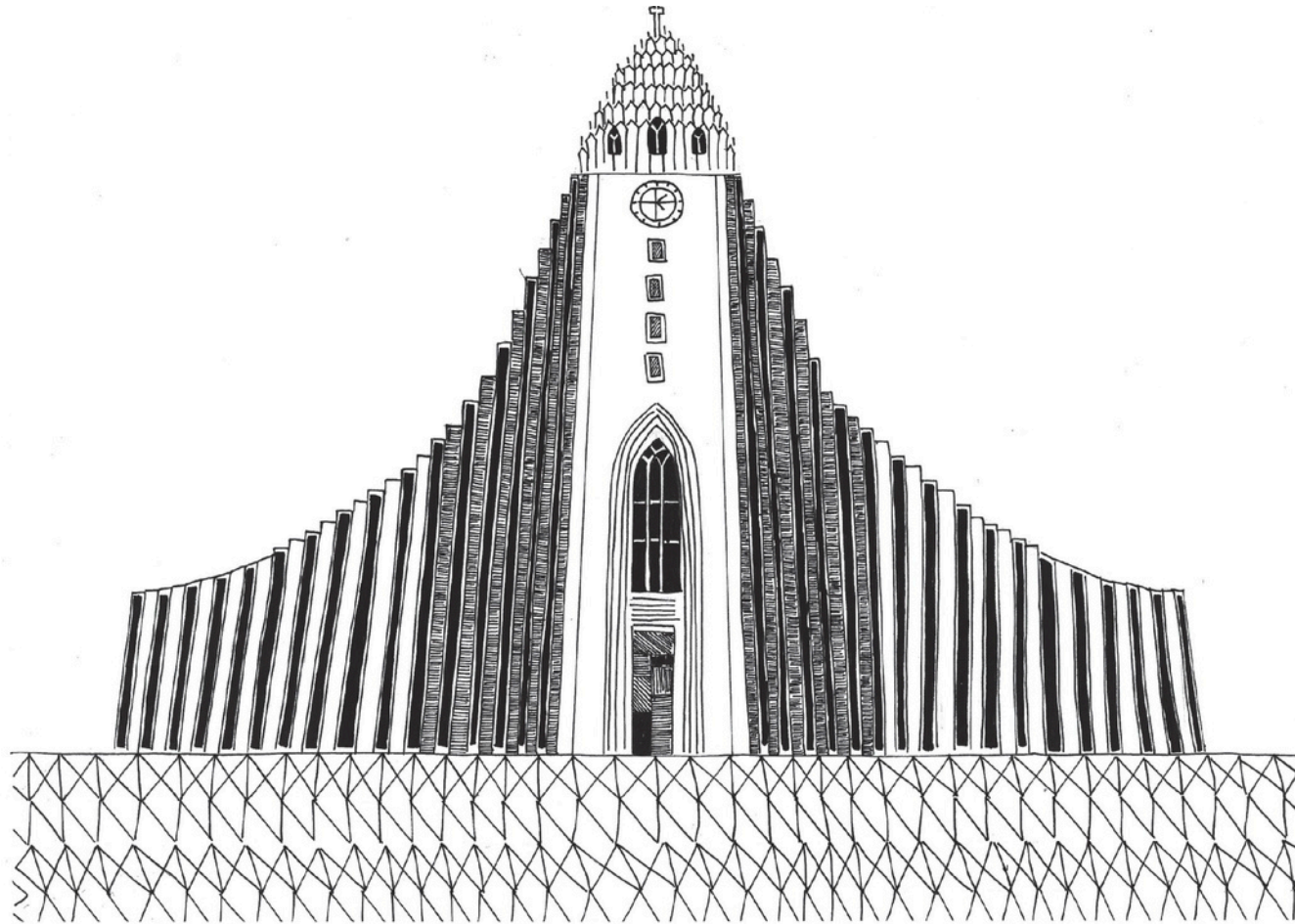
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Colosseum, Rome, Italy. Year of completion – 80 CE

Significance – Known to be one of the few remaining intact structures from the Roman Empire, the Colosseum was built as an 'elliptical amphitheater', witnessing thousands of combats (man to man or man to animal), and becoming a major source of tourism revenue for the Italian government.



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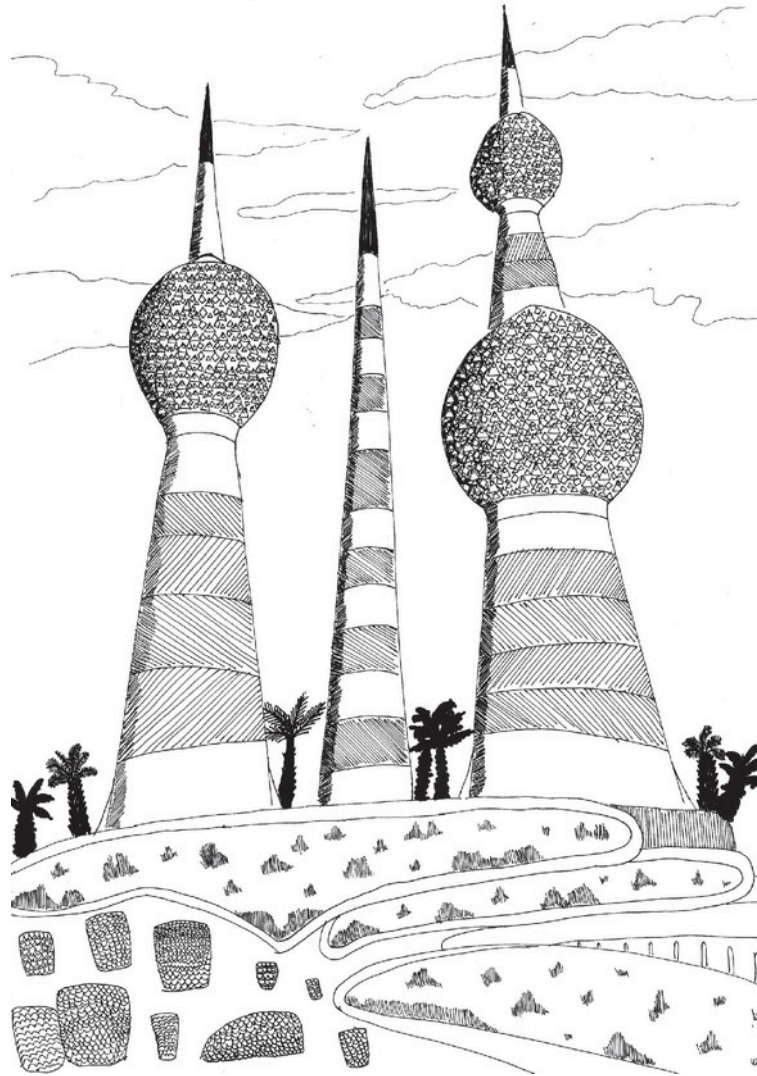
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Hallgrímskirkja, Reykjavík, Iceland. Date of completion – October 26, 1986

Significance – Hallgrímskirkja is the tallest church in Iceland and one of the tallest structures in the country, known for embodying Guoþjón Samuélsson's nature-inspired vision and his fascination with the shapes of cooled lava and designs of basalt rocks.



Kuwait Towers, Kuwait City, Kuwait.
Date of completion – March 1, 1979
Significance – The Kuwait Towers are located on the waterfront of a small peninsula in the northern part of the city, and remain a national icon, representing Kuwait's independence, its economic resurgence, and its modernity.

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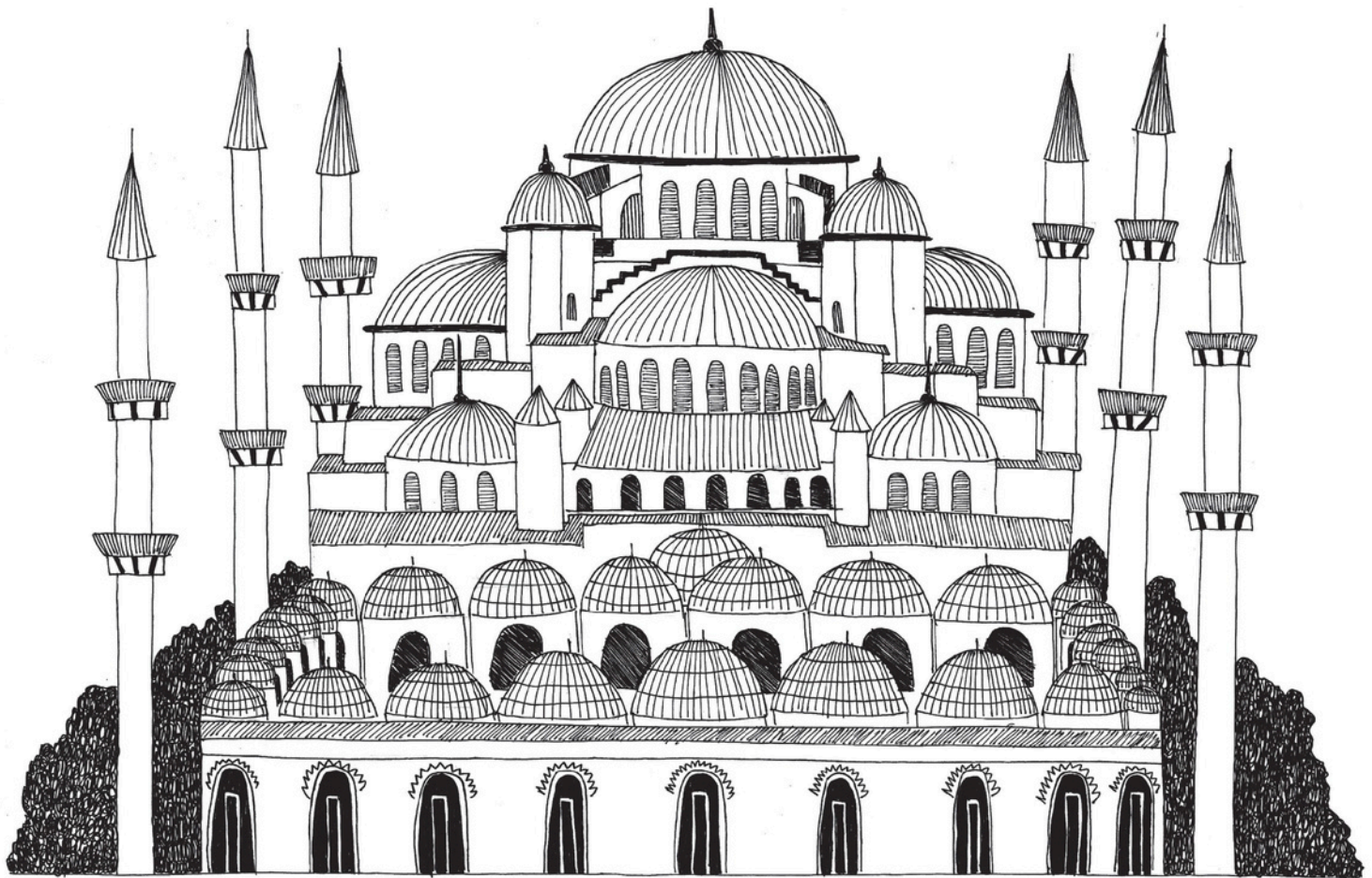
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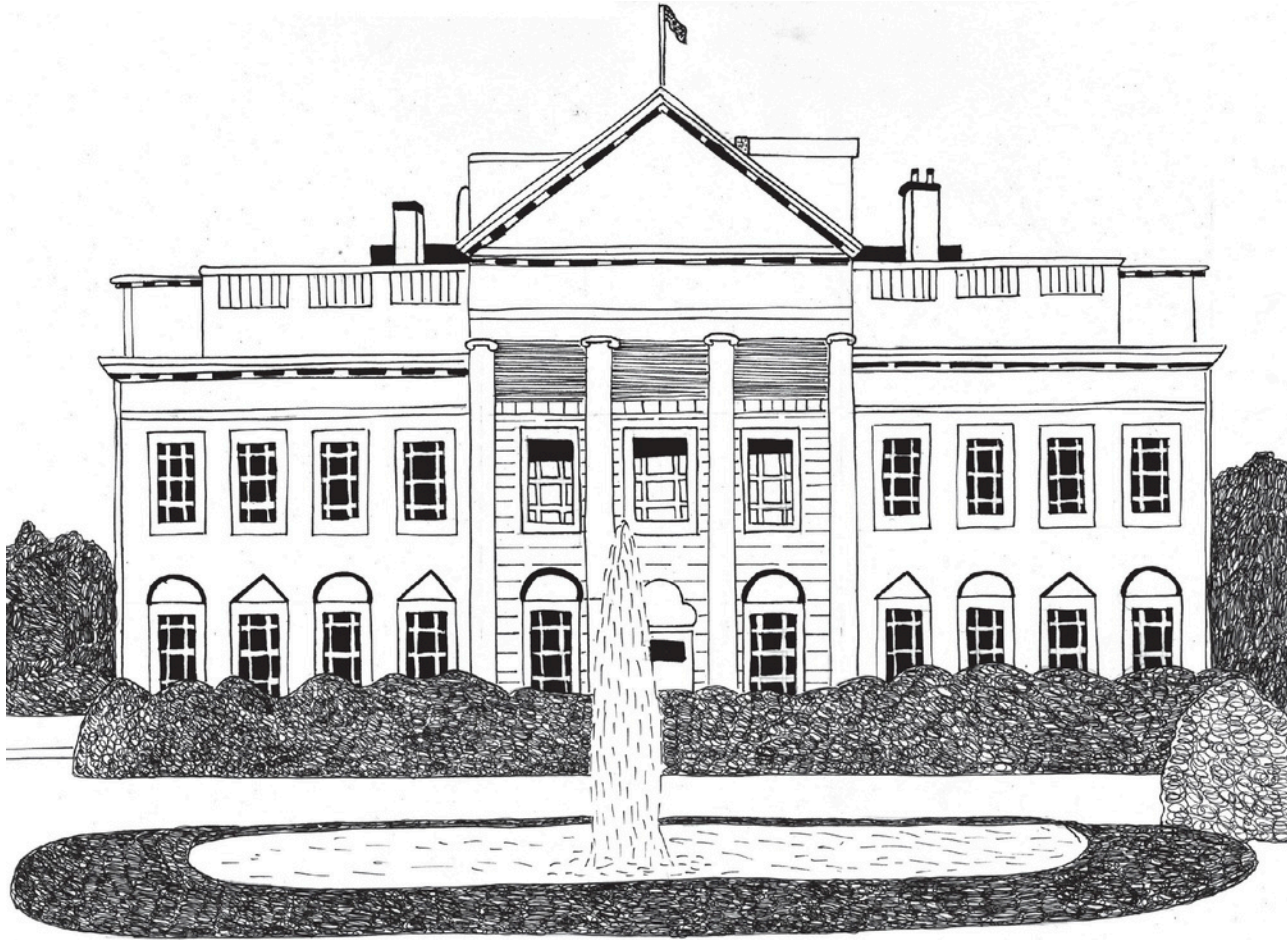
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Blue Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey. Year of completion – 1617

Significance – Considered one of the most beautiful mosques in the world, the Blue Mosque is an important religious site for Muslims, signifying triumphs of Islamic monuments of Ottoman architecture over a converted Christian church.

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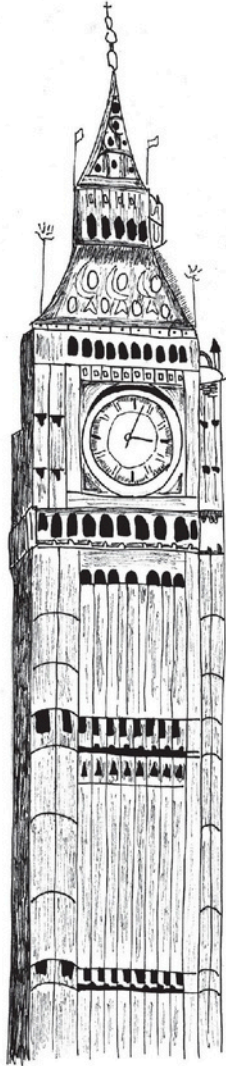
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White House, Washington, USA. Date of completion – November 1, 1800

Significance – Acting as the home and workplace of the President of the USA and their family, the White House is often known as the People's House as it brings a sense of inclusion and belonging to all Americans.

Week 24
June 2025



Big Ben, London, England. Date of completion – May 31, 1859

Significance – An accurate London clock tower, famous for its massive bell, the Big Ben serves as a symbol of the United Kingdom leadership and parliamentary democracy, even becoming synonymous with 'the Mother of Parliaments'.

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Burj Al Arab, Dubai, UAE.
Date of completion – December 1, 1999
Significance – At 1053 feet high, Burj Al Arab is not only one of the tallest hotels in the world, but also a symbol of the economic boom and modern development in Dubai, with its unique design resembling the shape of a ship's sail.

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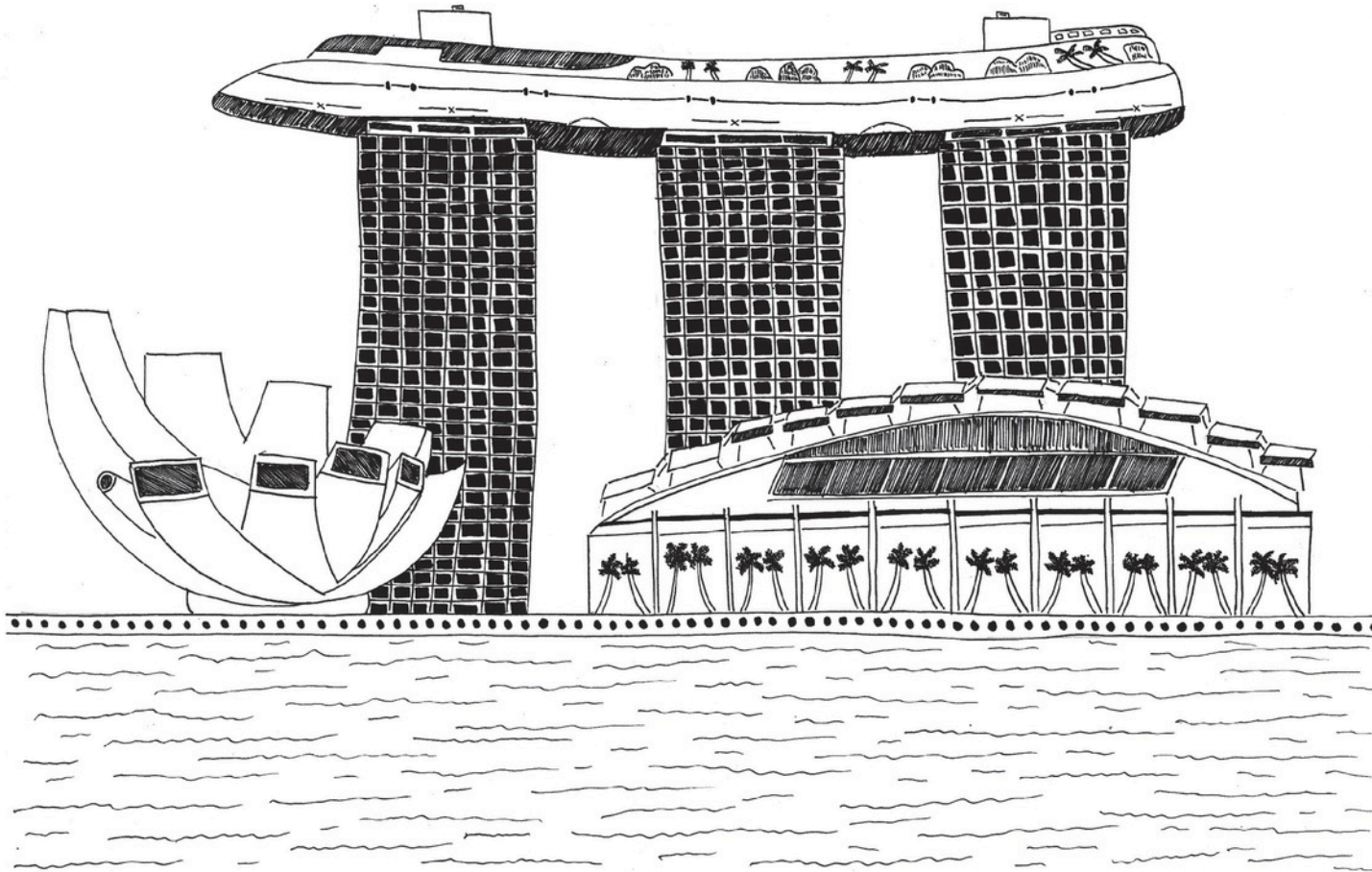
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Marina Bay Sands, Singapore. Date of completion – June 23, 2010

Significance – Marina Bay Sands is a destination of luxury, an integrated resort transforming the skyline of Singapore, breaking away from conventional models and redefining what a hotel means and forming a new path for resorts as an icon for the city.



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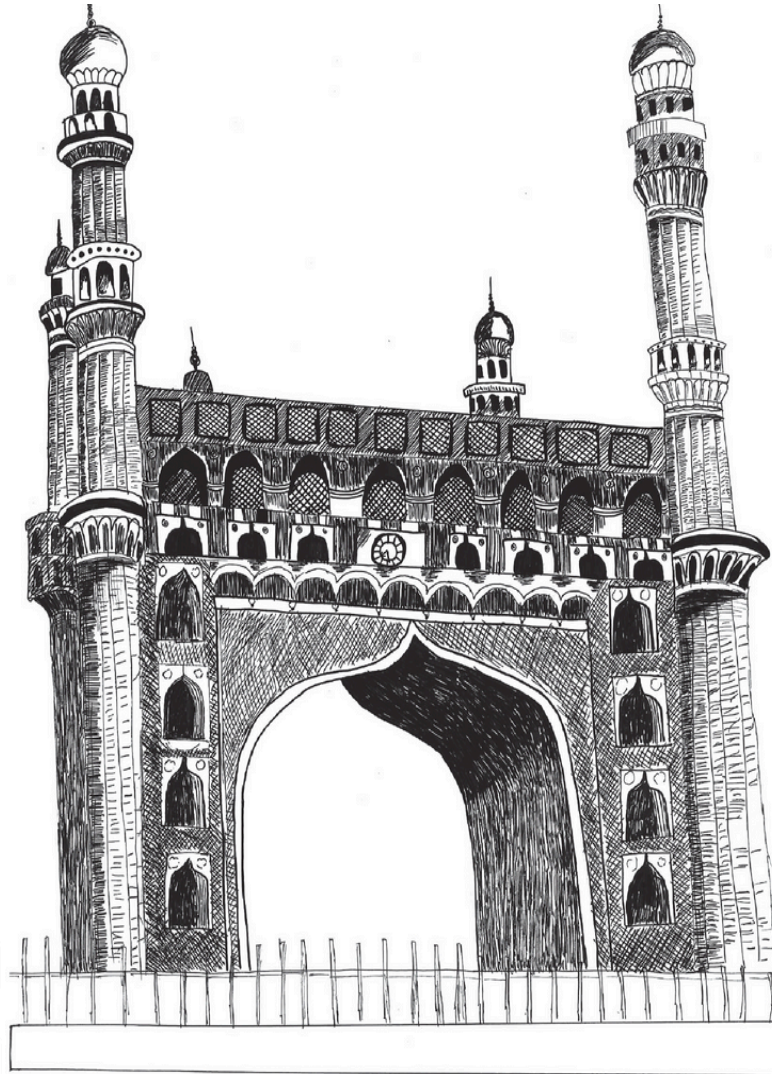
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Sagrada Família, Barcelona, Spain. Year of completion – 2026 (Expected)

Significance – The construction of Sagrada Família, a monument aiming to become one of Barcelona's most famous landmarks, began in 1882 and remains unfinished, speaking volumes of its complexity, intricacy and architectural ingenuity.



Charminar, Hyderabad, India.
Year of completion – 1591

Significance – The structure marks the end of the plague after which the Sultan (ruler of the region) built the Charminar as a tribute to Allah, as it continues to play an important role in culture and festivals, remaining the pride of Hyderabad.

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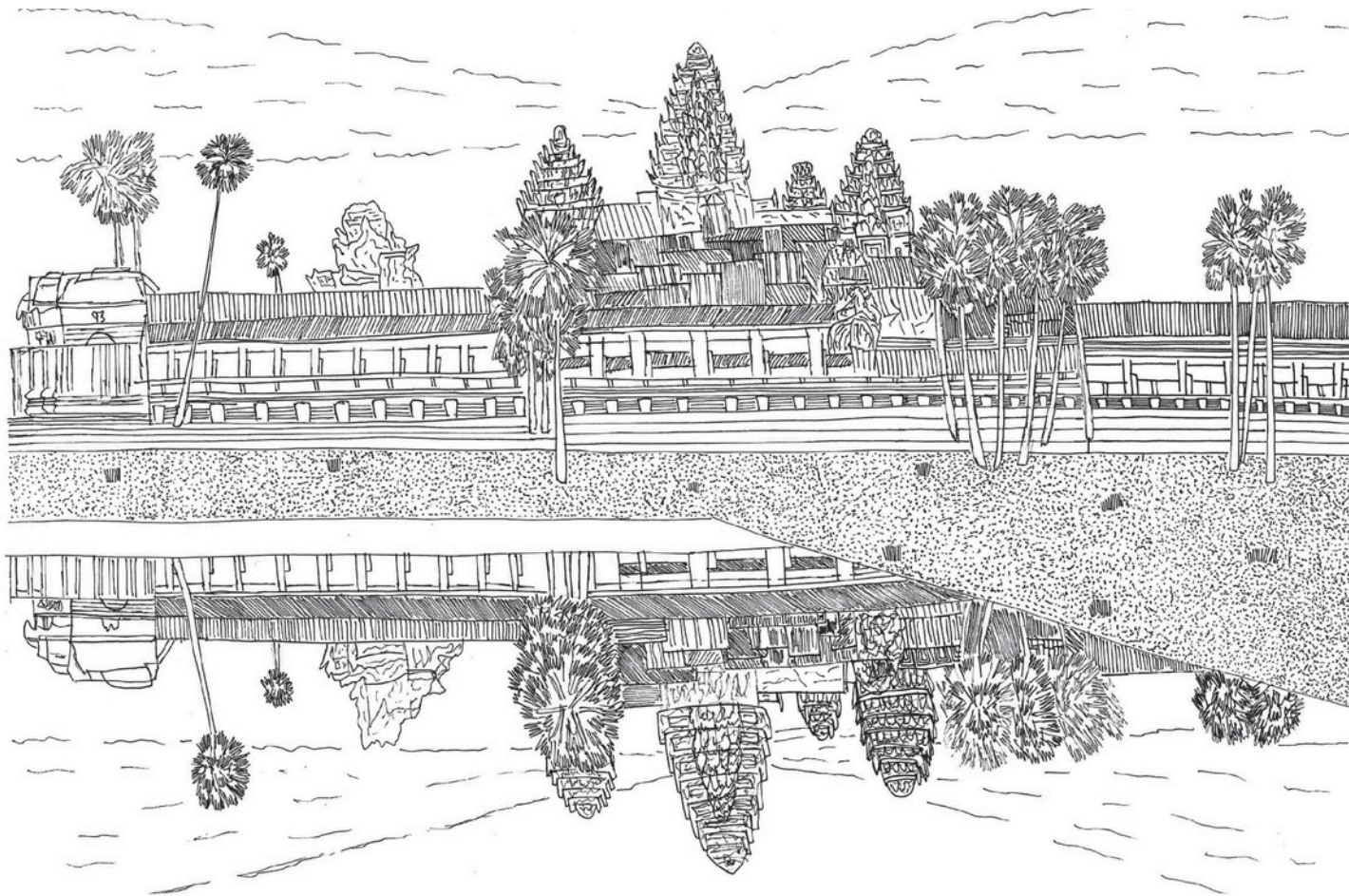
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Empire State Building, New York, USA. Year of completion – May 1, 1931

Significance – Named as one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Modern World' by the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Empire State Building remains one of the most famous office buildings in the world, providing much-needed jobs and economic stimulus in the times of the Great Depression.



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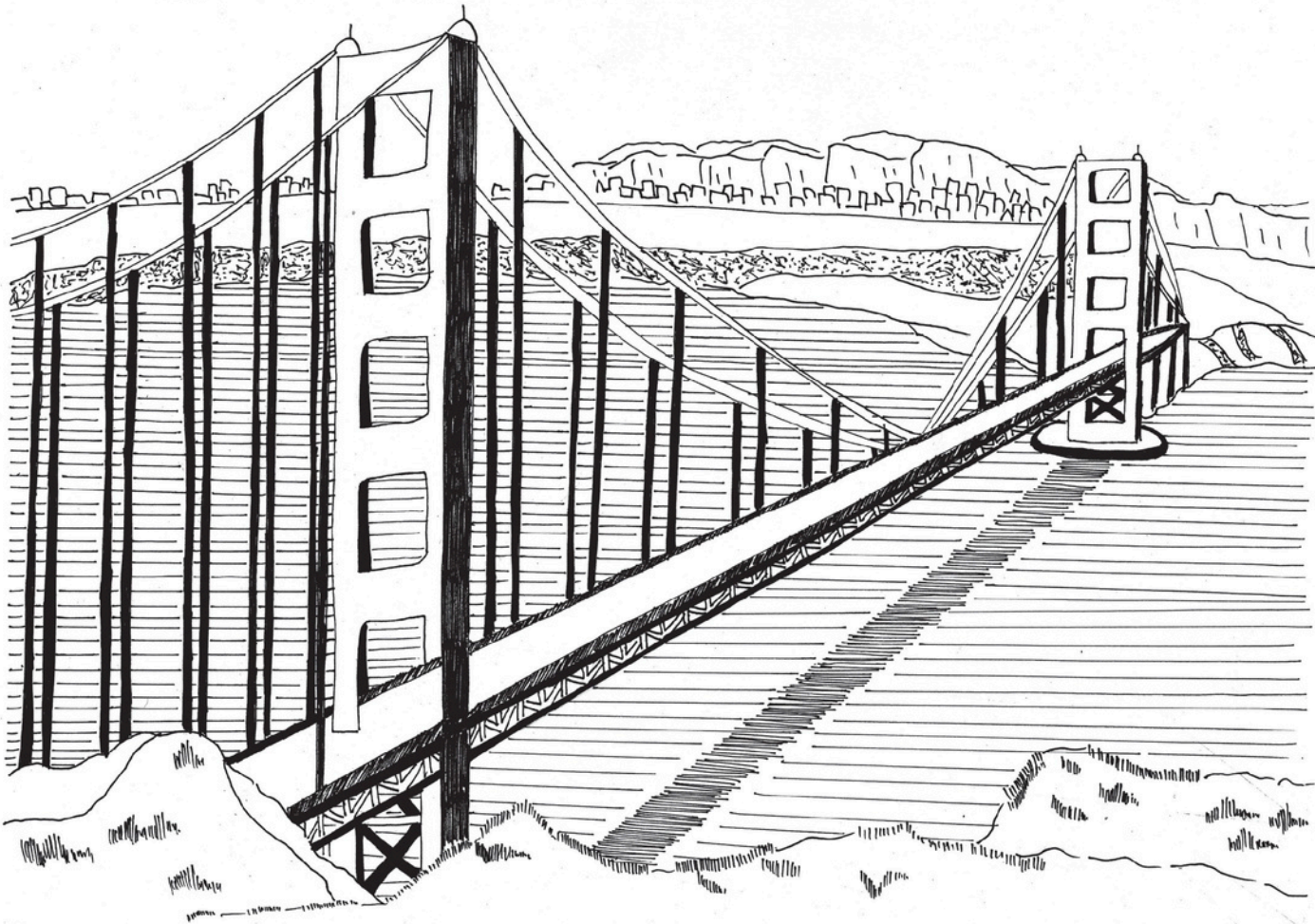
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Angkor Wat, Krong Siem Reap, Cambodia. Completed between 1110 and 1150 CE

Significance – Spread across 400 acres, Angkor Wat, meaning 'temple city' or 'city of temples', is known for being the largest religious monument in the world, being originally built as a Hindu temple but now becoming an enormous Buddhist temple complex.



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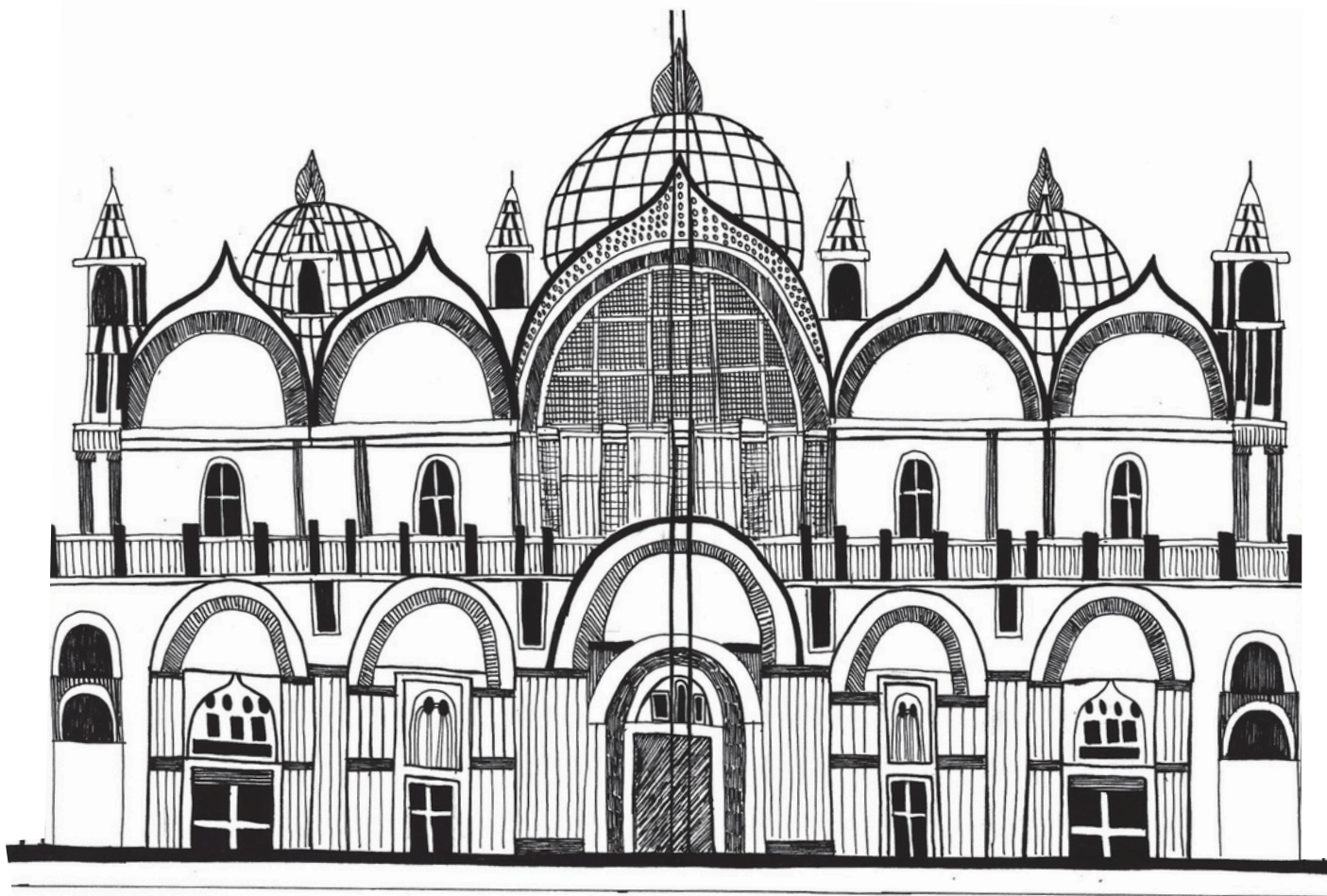
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Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, USA. Date of completion – May 27, 1937

Significance – When it was built during the Great Depression, the Golden Gate Bridge was the highest and longest suspension bridge in the world and continues to stand tall as the entrance into California's San Francisco Bay.

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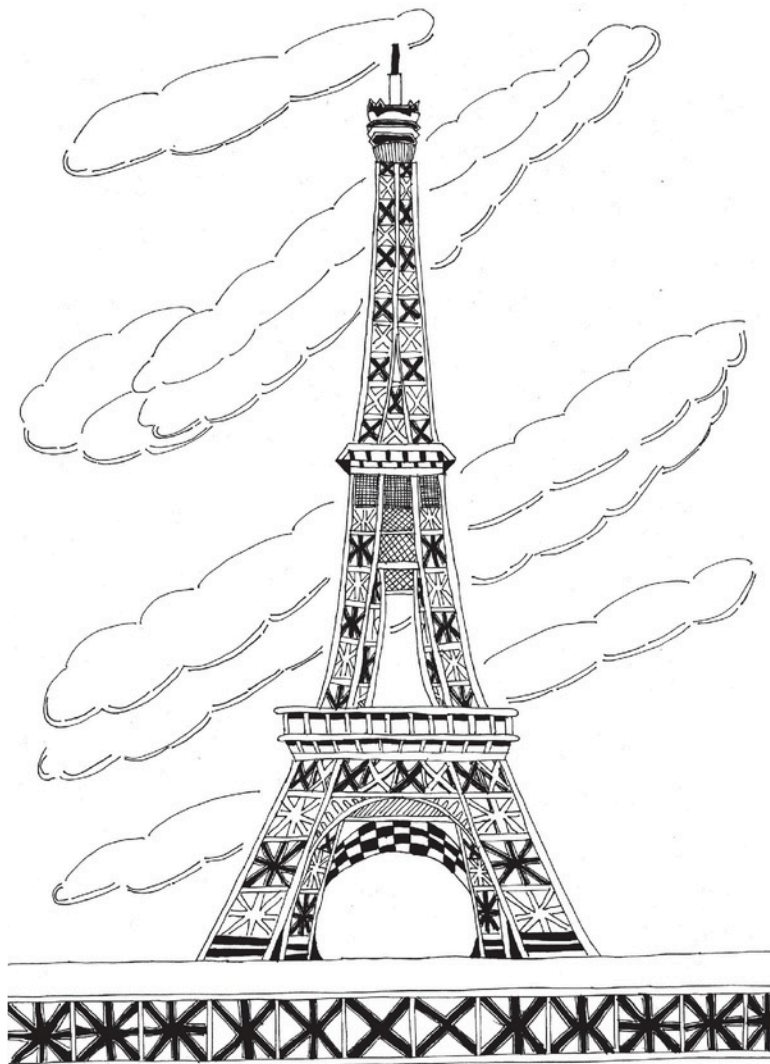
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Saint Marks Basilica, Venice, Italy. Date of completion – October 8, 1094

Significance – Saint Marks Basilica was built to house the body of St. Mark the Apostle, named protector of the city, brought from Alexandria, and is known as 'the Golden Church' for the dominance of golden mosaics making it a prevalent sight in the world of art.

Week 33
August 2025



Eiffel Tower, Paris, France.
Date of completion – March 31, 1889
Significance – The Eiffel Tower was built for the 1889 World Fair, where it impressed the world for its design and grandness and is now used as a transmitter station for transmitting radio frequency signals for wireless communication, broadcasting, and many other purposes.

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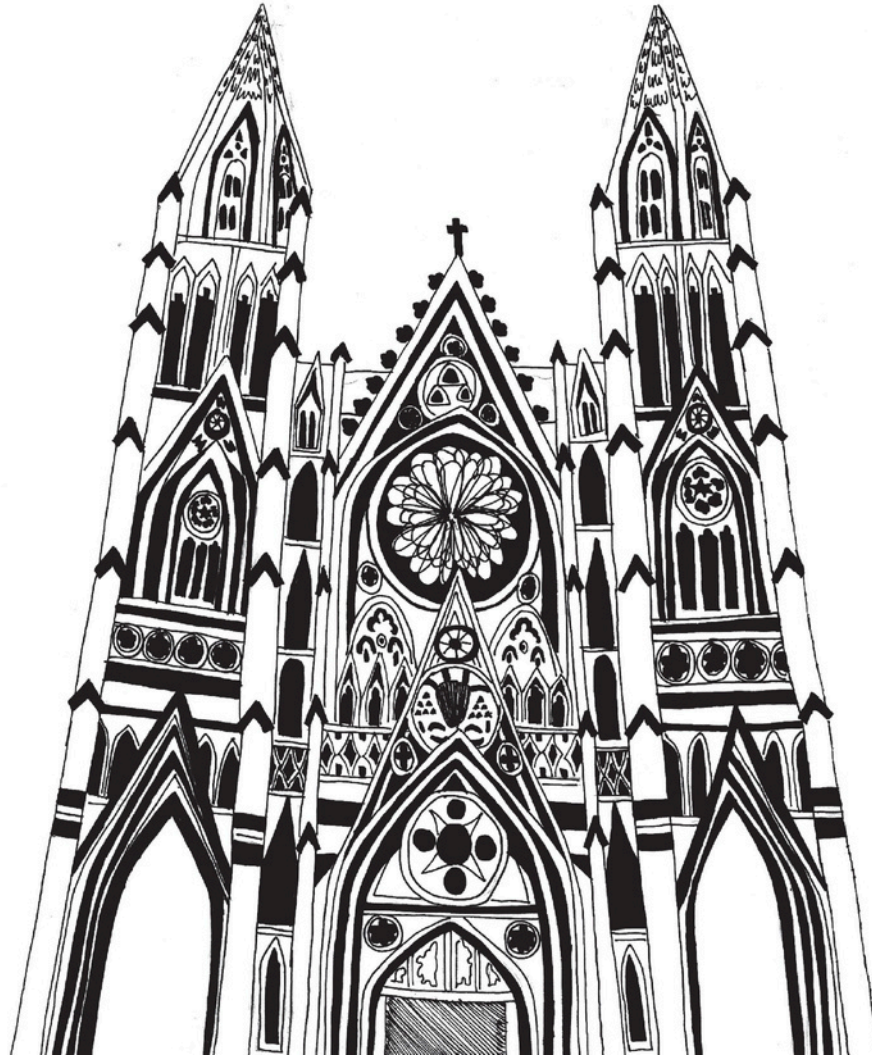
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St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, USA.
Date of completion – May 25, 1879

Significance – St Patrick's Cathedral is the largest Gothic Revival Catholic Cathedral with influences from English, French and German Gothic architecture.

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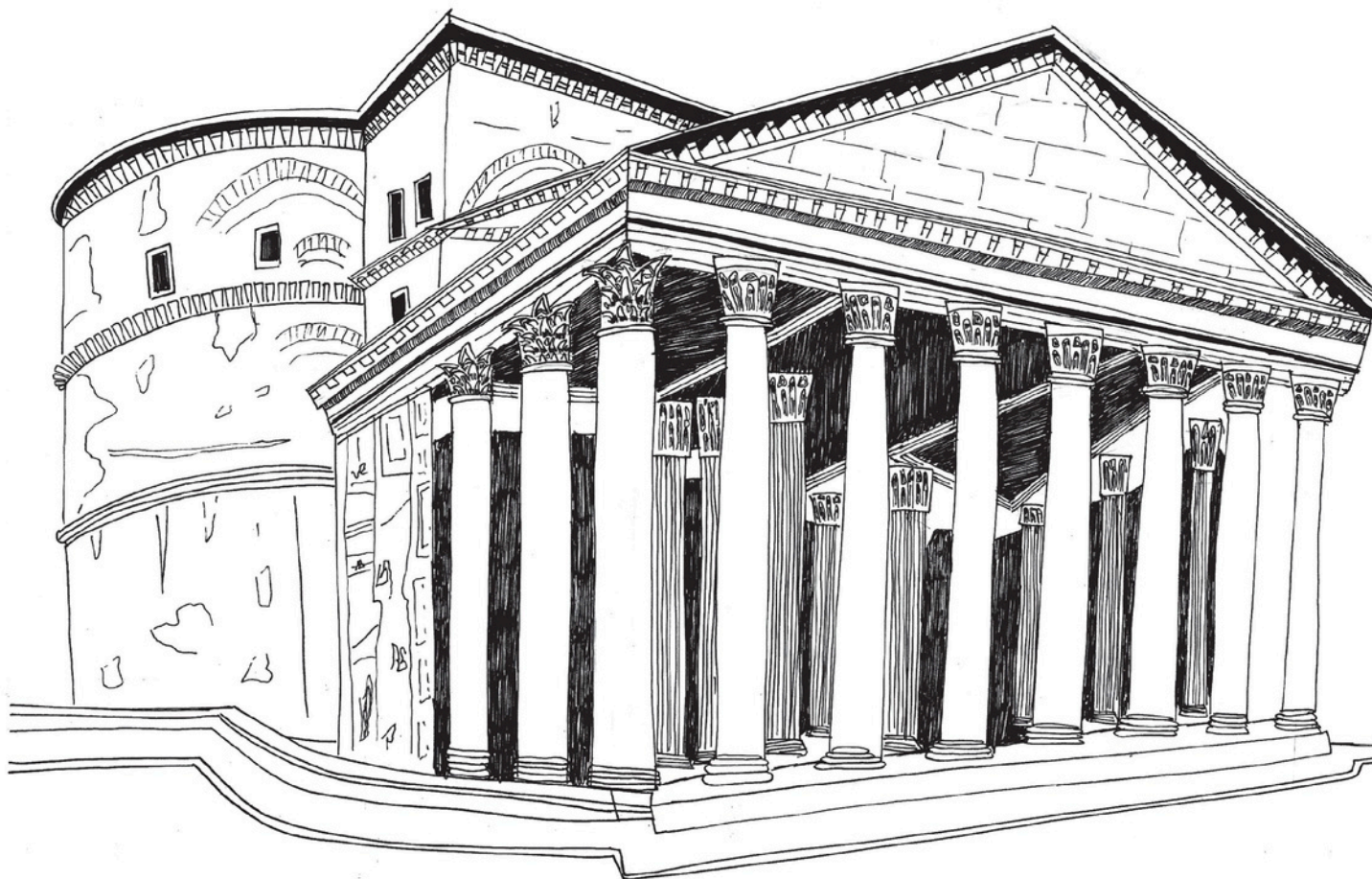
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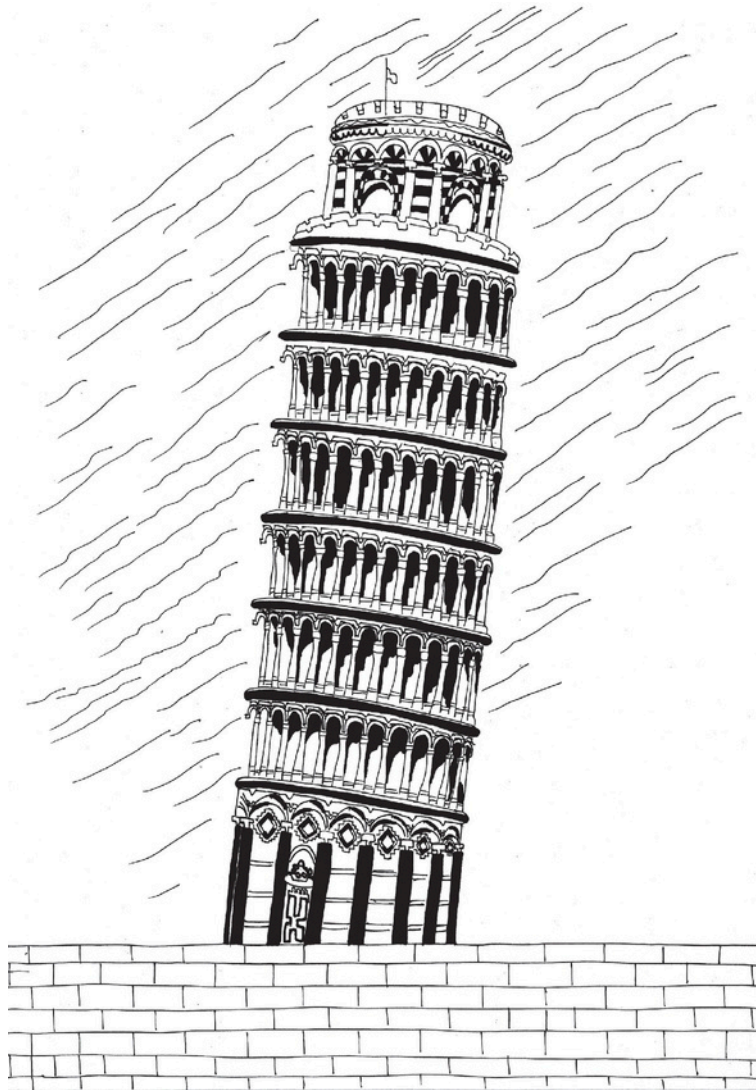
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Pantheon, Rome, Italy. Year of completion – 125 CE

Significance – Built as a temple part of the Roman Empire, the Pantheon has served as a place of worship for over 2 millennia and remains a key artifact in Roman antiquity, with its name translating to 'honor all Gods' in Greek.



Leaning Tower of Pisa, Pisa, Italy.
Year of completion - 1372

Significance – The Leaning Tower of Pisa is known for its 'nearly four-degree lean' as a result of an unstable foundation, now symbolizing humanity's power in defying nature, as it continues to amaze observers on its ability to defy the law of gravity.

Week 36
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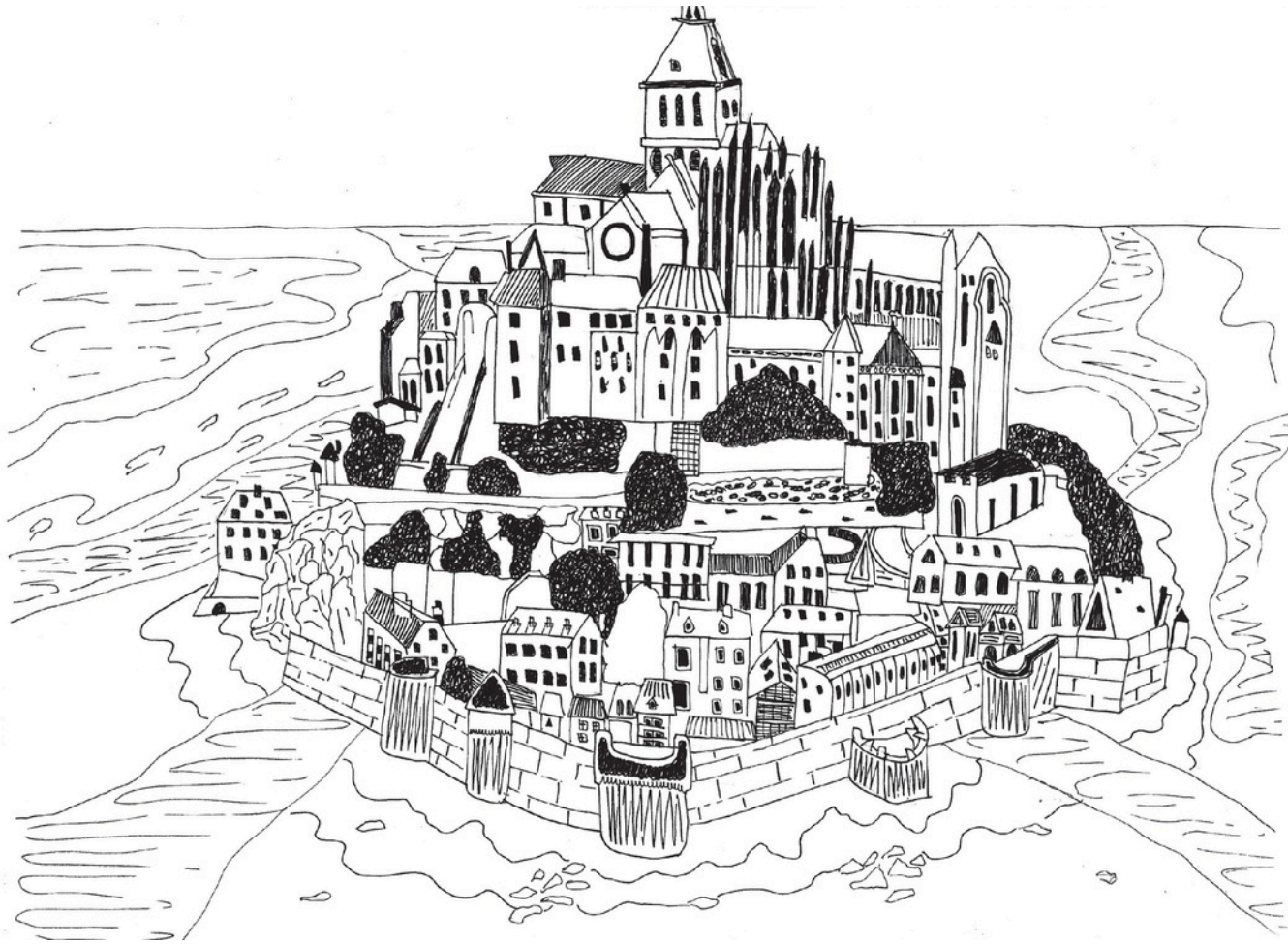
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Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey. Date of completion – December 27, 537 CE

Significance – Serving as a structure of religious, political and artistic life for the Byzantine people, Hagia Sophia was built as a Christian church under the direction of Emperor Justinian I. In the following years, it transformed into a mosque, a museum and then finally, a mosque again.



Week 38
September 2025

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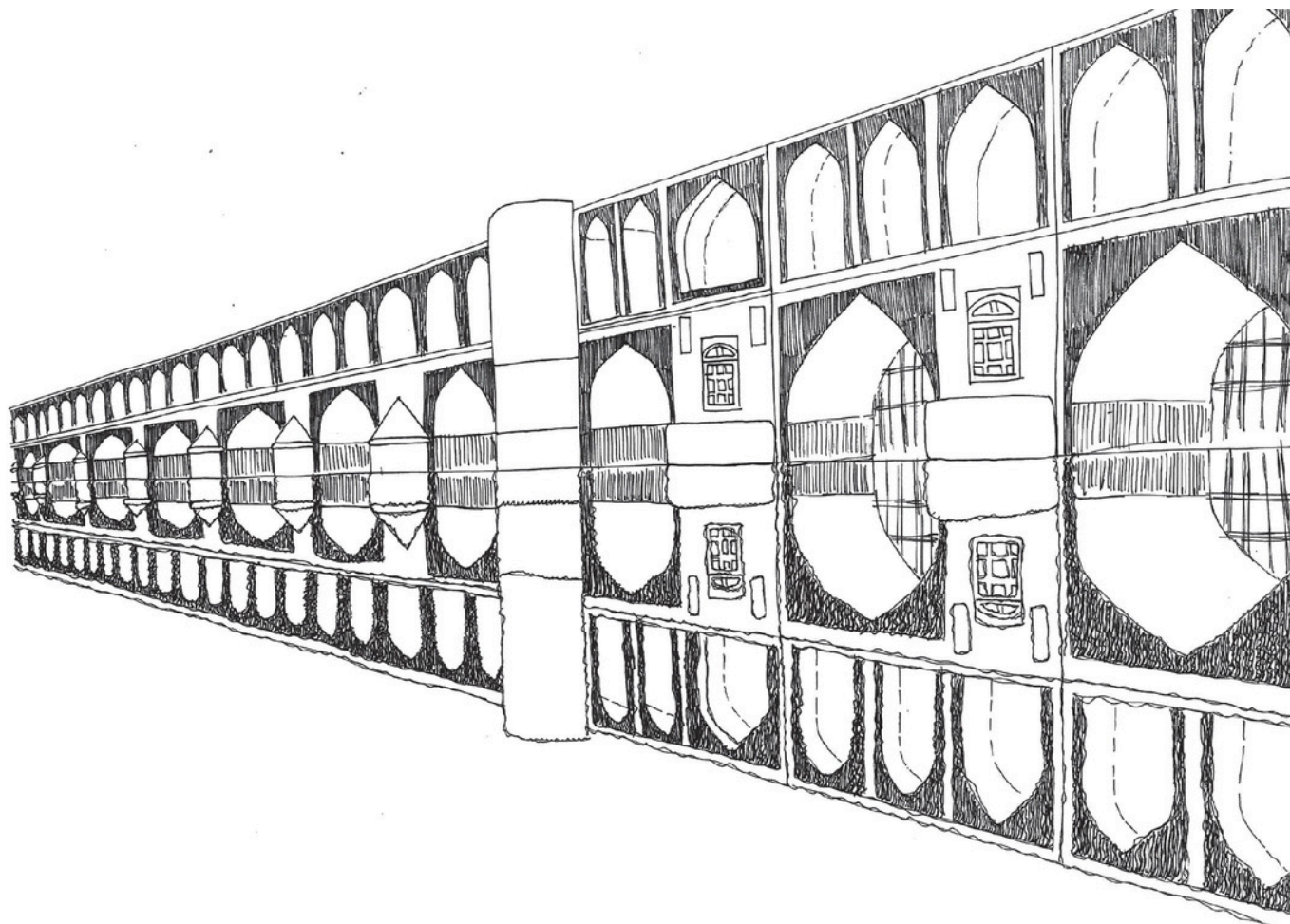
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Mont-Saint-Michel, Normandy, France. Completed between 11 and 16 century CE

Significance – Inscribed on the UNESCO world heritage sites list in 1979 for a unique aesthetic as a Catholic site, Mont-Saint-Michel is a tidal island and mainland commune visited by more than three million people every year for its breathtaking views and places of worship.

Week 39
September 2025



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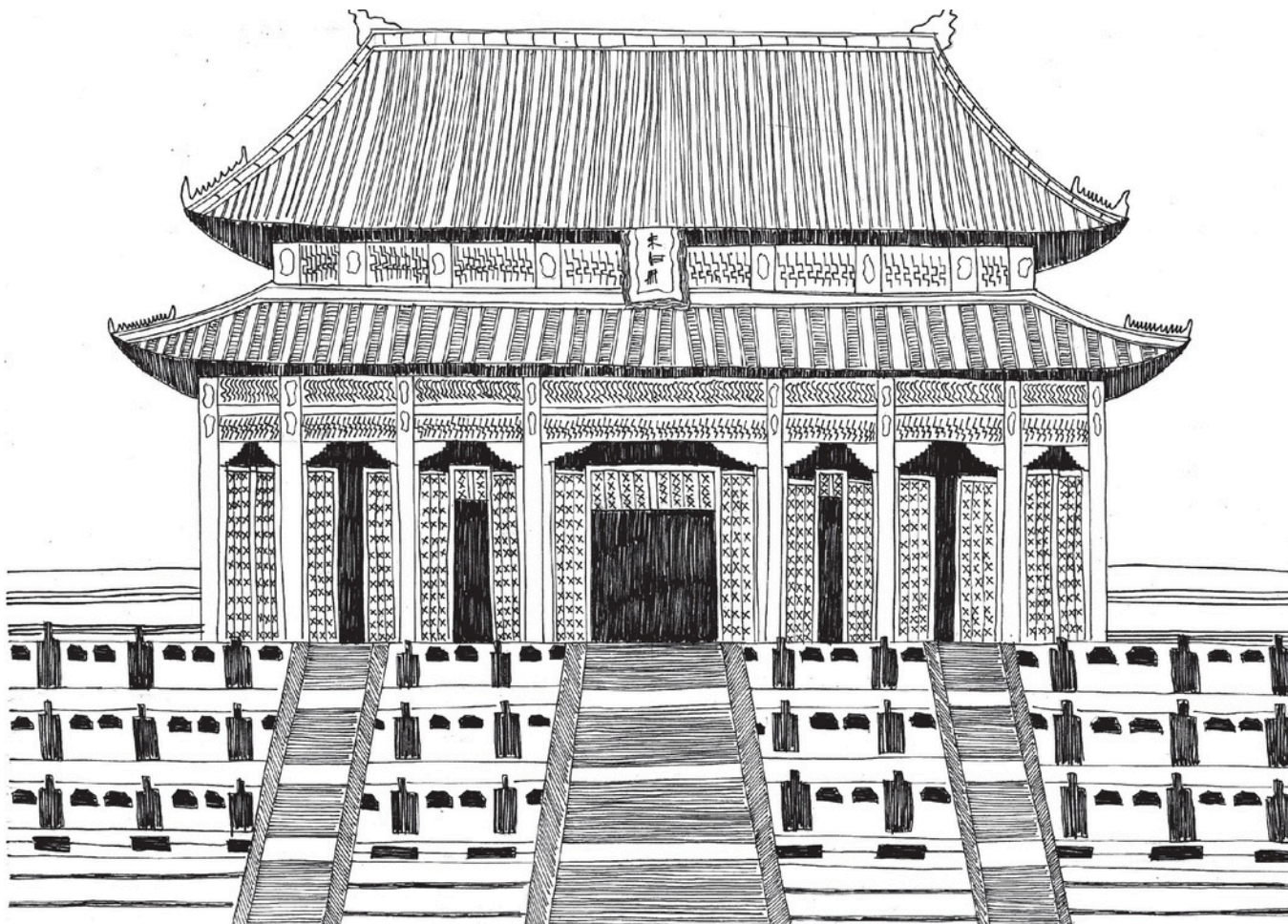
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Si-o-se-Pol, Isfahan, Iran. Year of completion – 1602

Significance – While there are many bridges across Zayanderud, a river in Iran, Si-o-se-Pol, named after the 33 arches part of the bridge, remains popular because of its location as it connects the famous Chaharbagh street, a historical avenue in Isfahan, on both sides of the river.

Week 40 September /
October 2025



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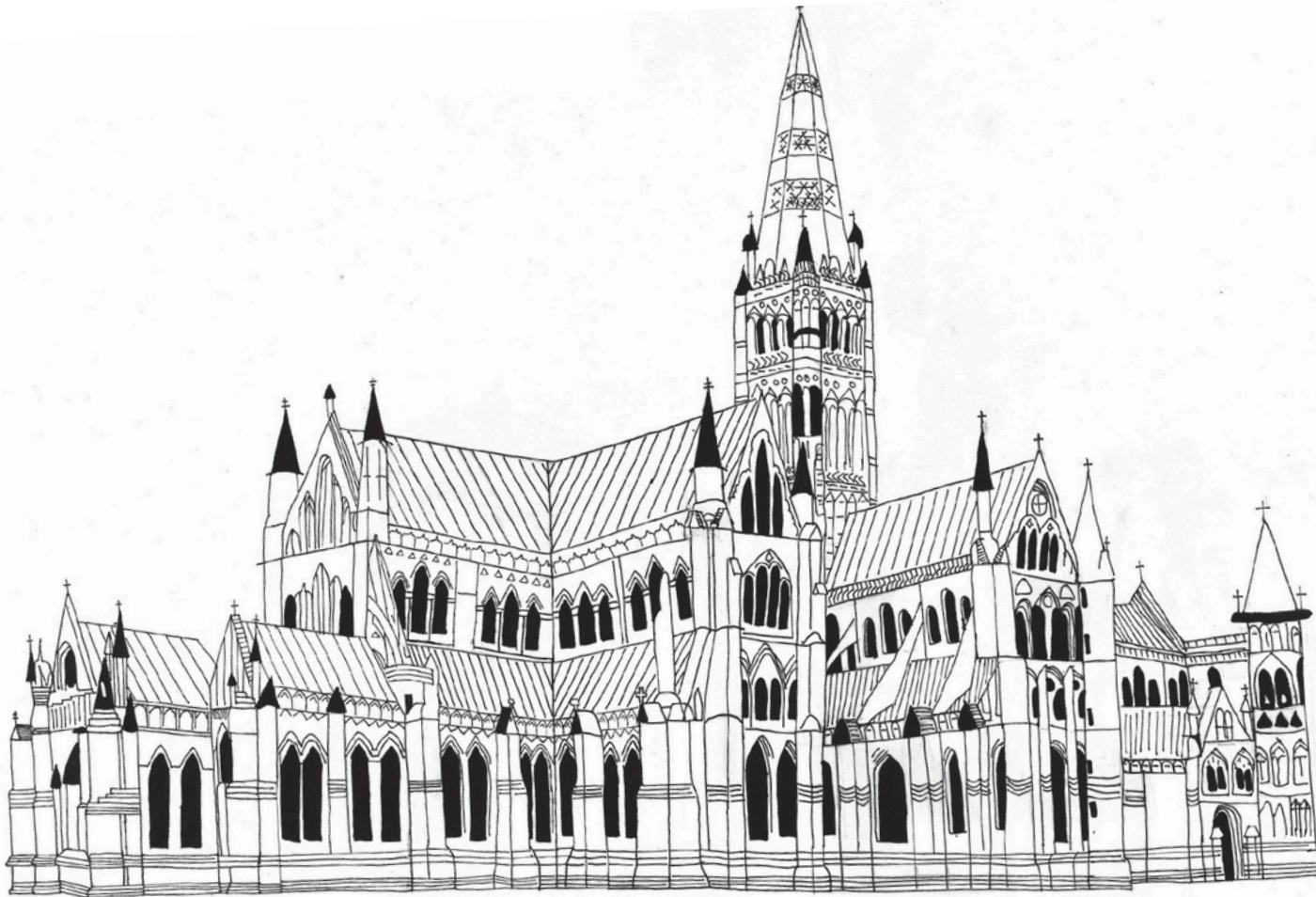
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Forbidden City, Beijing, China. Year of completion - 1420 Significance – As the political and ritual center of China for over 500 years, the Forbidden City was an imperial palace representing the supreme power of the emperor, being the home to 24 rulers, their families and their servants during the Qing and Ming dynasties between 1368 and 1911.



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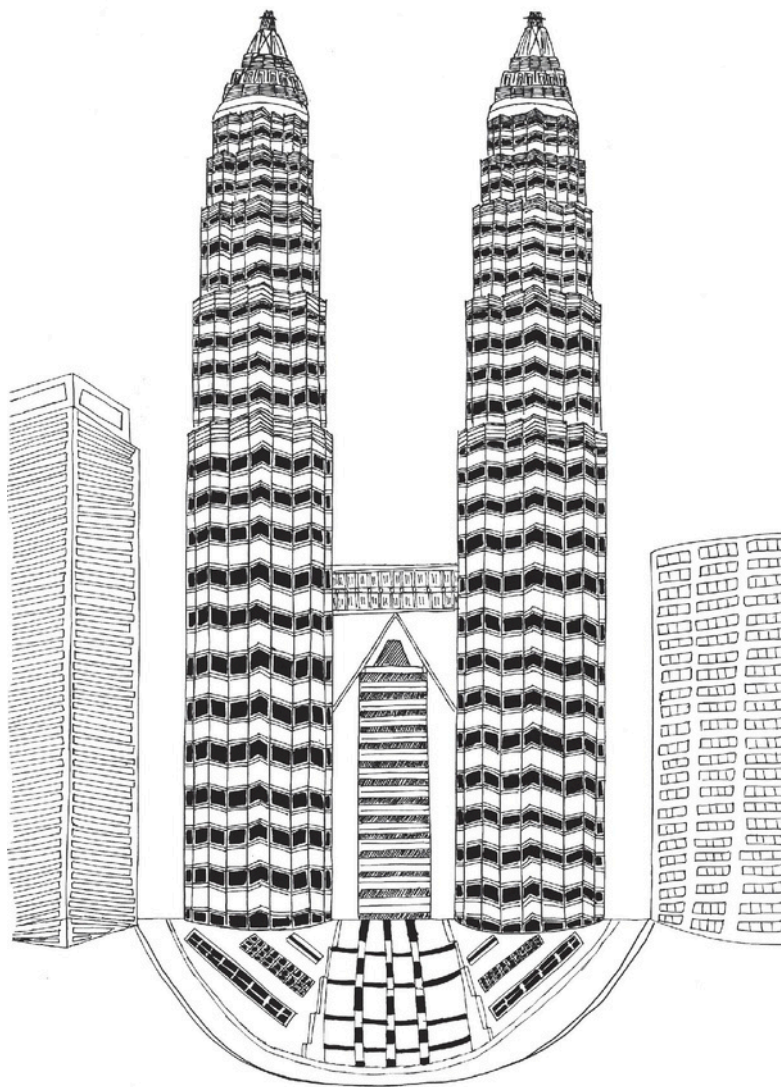
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Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury, England. Year of completion – 1258

Significance – The Salisbury Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese of Salisbury, a church in the south of England, and is the seat of the Bishop of Salisbury, known for being the first major cathedral to be built on an unobstructed site.

Week 42
October 2025



Petronas Twin Towers, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Date of completion – August 28, 1999

Significance – When the spires had been added to the building, the Petronas Twin Towers were declared the world's largest buildings and remain the tallest twin buildings, acting as a commercial office space while symbolizing the “zest of the nation”, as stated by former Malaysian prime minister.

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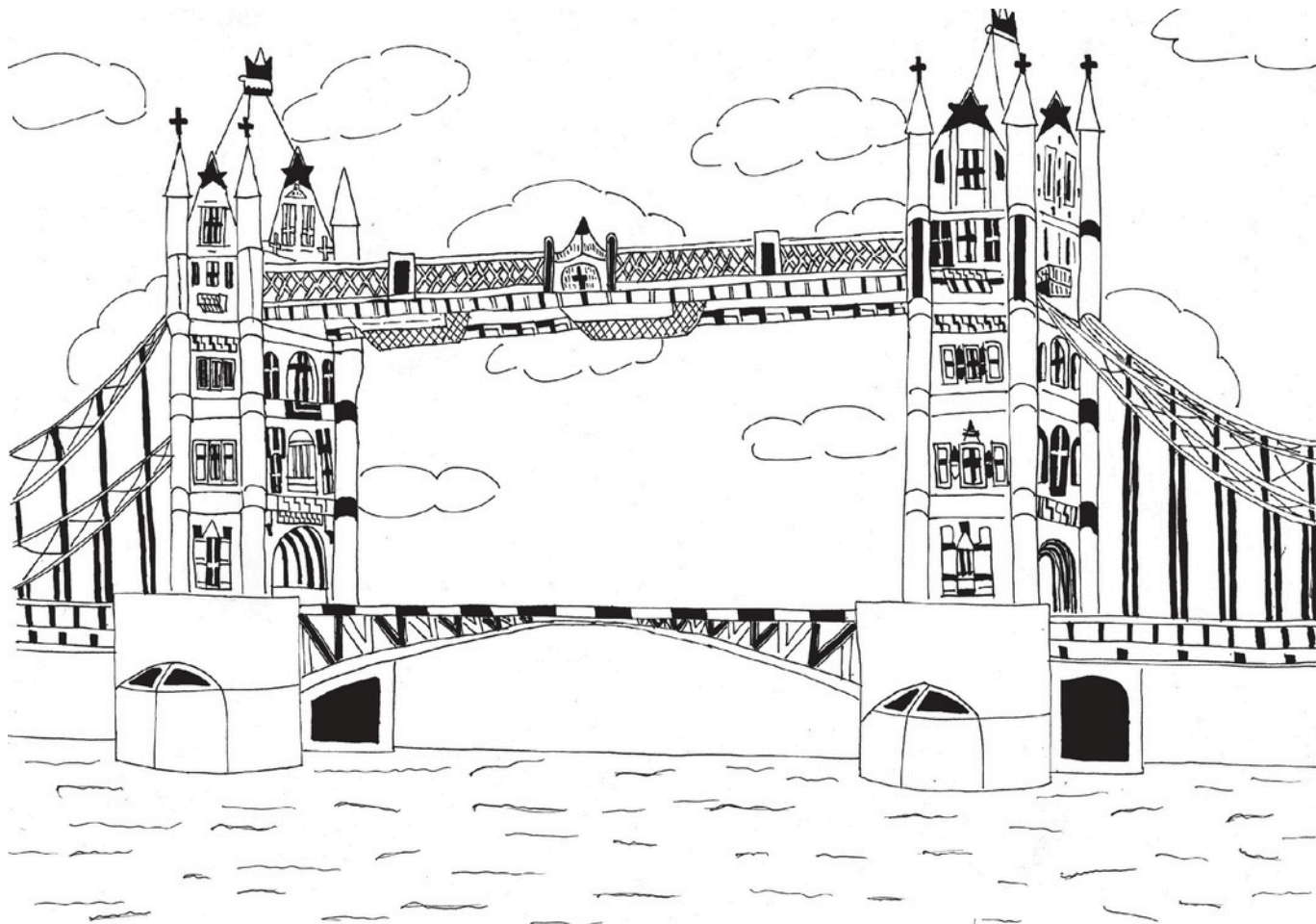
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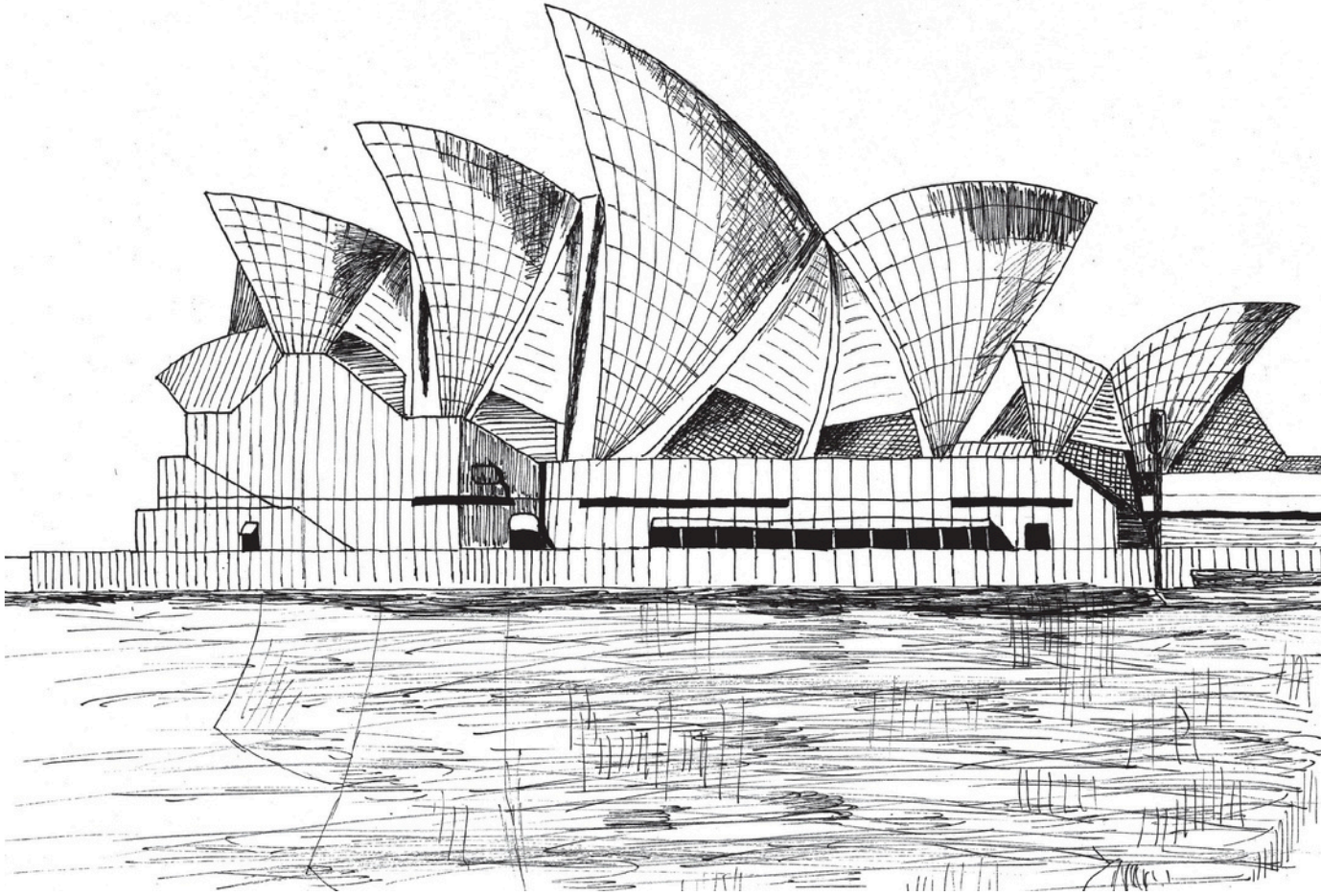
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Tower Bridge, London, England. Year of completion – 1894

Significance – Contrary to the common rhyme, the modern concrete and steel structure we call the Tower Bridge has never fallen down, in fact being one of London's most striking bridges, standing tall at 42 meters above the River Thames.



Week 44
October / November 2025

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Sydney Opera House, Sydney, Australia. Date of completion – October 20, 1973

Significance – An exceptionally unique structure, with extraordinary engineering, the Sydney Opera House continues to be used as a multipurpose facility for the performing arts, being designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007 for its position as a world-famous icon of architecture.



Statue of Liberty, Liberty Island, USA.
Date of completion – October 28, 1886
Significance – The Statue of Liberty was actually built by Edouard de Laboulaye, a French intellectual, who wanted the statue to celebrate the United States' independence and their relations with France.

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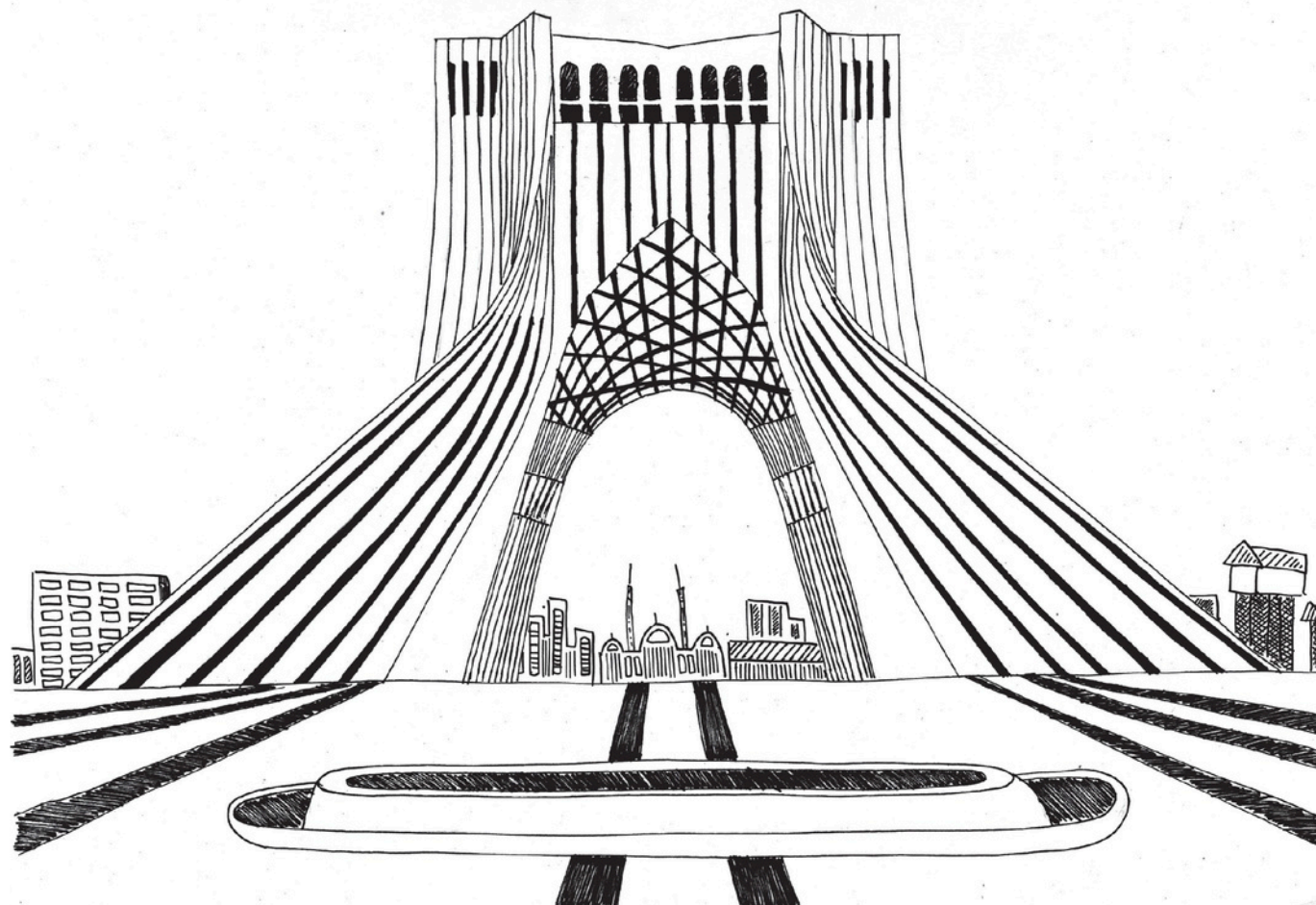
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November 2025



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Azadi Tower , Tehran, Iran. Date of completion – October 16, 1971

Significance – Azadi Tower, commissioned by Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, the last Shah (king) of Iran, was built to celebrate the 2500 year mark of the Persian empire, acting as a symbol of the kingdom's goals to be the ancient power of the pre-Islamic state of Iran.

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November 2025



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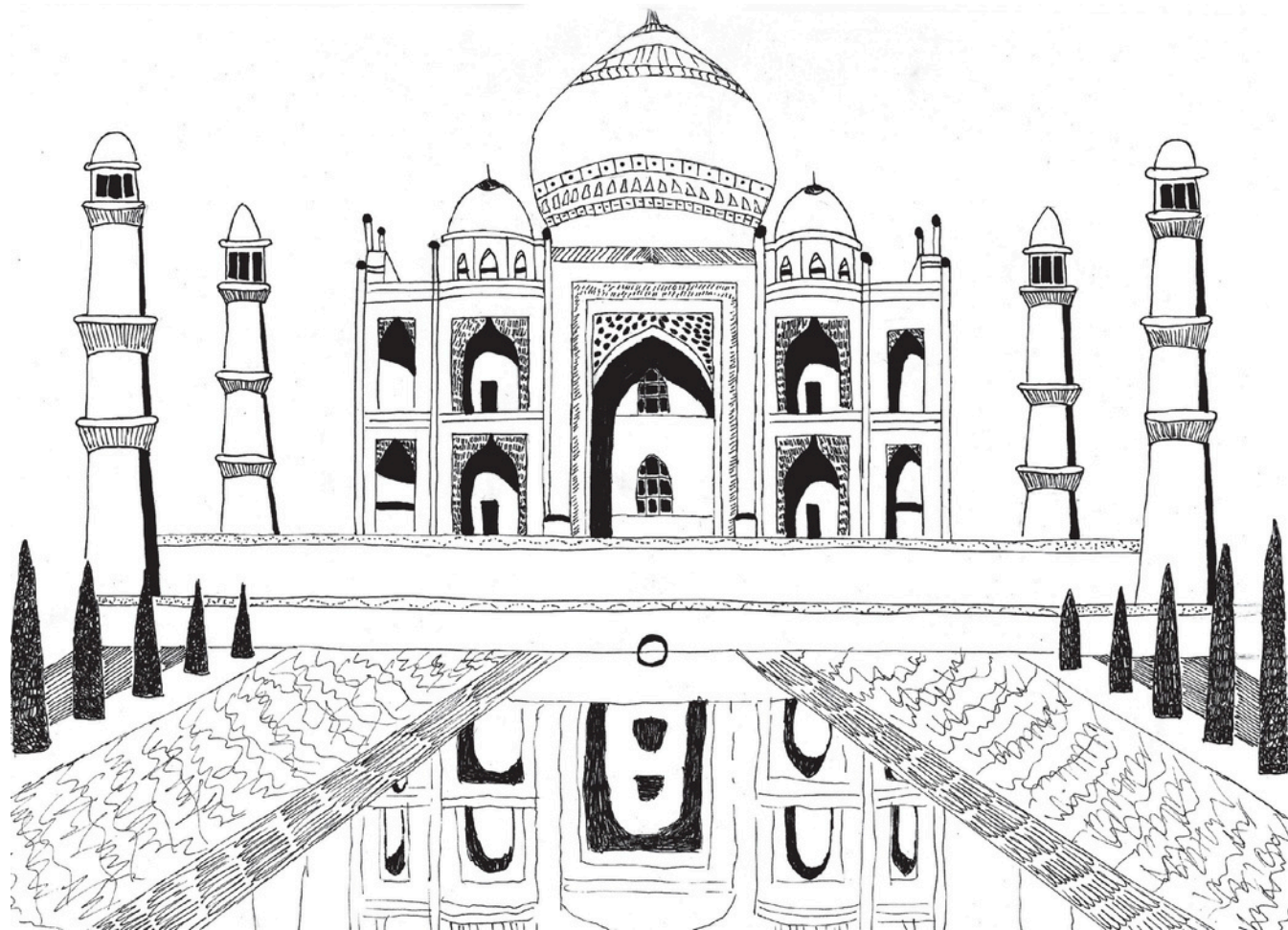
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Great Wall of China, Stretches across various regions in China. Year of completion – 1681

Significance – The Great Wall of China helped protect large sections of important trade routes including the Silk Road, ensuring China's economic and cultural progress was secure while also representing the unification of China as a country.

Week 48
November 2024



Taj Mahal, Agra, India. Year of completion – 1648

Significance – Made of pure white marble, built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan for his wife, the Taj Mahal remains a symbol of everlasting love, along with being one of the finest examples of Mughal and Indo-Islamic architecture.

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Week 49
November/ December 2025



Christ the Redeemer, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Date of completion – October 12, 1931

Significance – As the name suggests, this colossal statue of Jesus Christ remains a symbol of Christianity worldwide and plays the role of both a warm welcome and a steady protection to all those entering its region.

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Week 50
December 2025



Parthenon, Athens, Greece. Year of completion – 438 BCE

Significance – Standing as a monument of democracy, the Parthenon is a temple dedicated to Athena, the goddess of wisdom and war, while also serving as a tribute to the victory of Athens in the Greco-Persian wars.

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Week 51
December 2024



Petra, Jordan. Year of completion – 312 BCE

Significance – Petra is a caravan-city located on a major trans-desert trade route, built by the Nabataean, an ancient Arab people who inhabited northern Arabia and Southern Levant (modern-day Israel, Palestine and Jordan), built at crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia.

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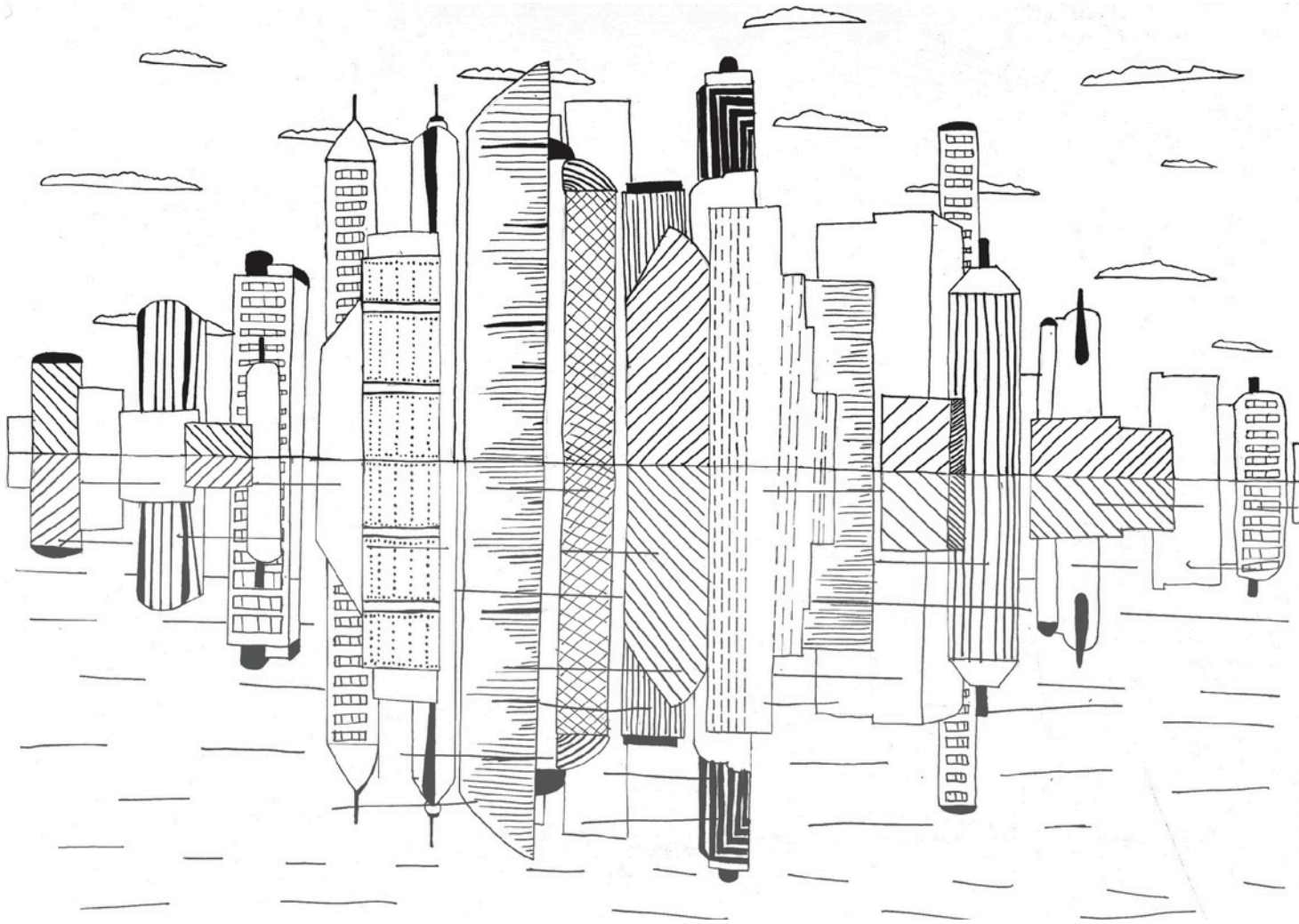
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Burj Khalifa, Dubai, UAE.
Date of completion – January 4, 2010
Significance – Widely known for being the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa, standing high at 830 meters, was named in honor of the former president of the UAE, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and remains an unprecedented example of international cooperation.



Week 53
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From the artist's canvas

What's the first sight that comes in your mind when you hear Paris or India?
For most, it's the grand Eiffel Tower or the majestic Taj Mahal!

Monuments become icons... symbols that represent a place.

Monuments have the power to leave a lasting impression in the minds of people. Monuments give you something to cherish as you reminisce all that happened 'back then'.

To say 'monuments have power' is an understatement.

That singular structure of steel, wood, stone or marble... it bears the responsibility of being a collective representation of everything else the place has to offer.

Some are remnants of a forgettable past, while others are bridges to an unimaginable future.

Every monument has something to share – its own little story, waiting to be told!

Just like any piece of art, every monument takes with it, a piece of its creator.

At their core, they all are *Human Wonders!*

From this inspiring line of thought came the first seeds of the 2024 Calendar!

An endeavour to recreate the grandeur and grace of these marvellous monuments... through 52 pen-and-ink artworks hand-picked for their magnificent aesthetic diversity.

Art is merely a medium of expression.

These black-and-white reproductions are a portal to experience through one's own senses.

Thereafter it takes its own form based on individual interpretation and perception.

Every monument would have a different meaning, emotion, connection : unique to each individual.

A true showcase of the fluidity of all these marvels!

It has been my attempt that every line, pattern and empty space serves justice to these miraculous pieces of human history!

I sincerely wish this calendar gives you something new to be in awe of... every day, every week, all year round.

With that thought, adieu – let's together celebrate these *Human Wonders!*

Ayan Dharod

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