

Art A Day CHALLENGE: The Pediment Experiment

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

We challenge you to an art activity each day of the School Closure! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us in the comments and on Instagram @WCMFA and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE

Stuff you'll need: Read through the challenge to decide...the materials you use are up to you!

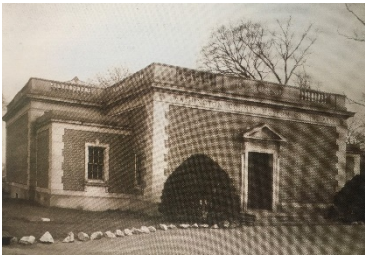
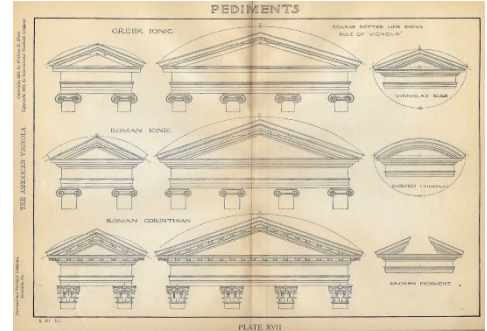
Words you need to know:

Pediment is an architectural element found particularly in Neoclassical architecture. **Pediments** usually consist of a triangular gable placed above a doorway. It usually is used to add grandness to entrances. Sometimes there are words and sculptures added to the designs to really make a point of telling a story or letting us know why that building is so important!

LOOK: at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts front entrance. Above the door, you can see a tiny triangular roof. This is called a **pediment**.

The designers of the WCMFA building, or the architects (Hyde & Shepherd), were inspired by ancient designs from the Greeks and Romans.

Above you can see the different styles of pediments though out the history of architecture. Greeks and Romans created grand buildings and created eye catching entrances. They did such a great job that architects still use the idea on houses of all sizes, churches, and important buildings today!



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Pediment in 2020

When WCMFA was built in 1931, the front **pediment** was part of the entrance to the museum. Now, after the additional wings and beautiful atrium were built, the pediment is now safe from the weather damage and has become part of the "art" on display.



Parthenon in Rome, Italy



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Pediment in 1931

MAKE your own entrance to your dream room or portal to a new world with a pediment. Will your pediment contain words or sculptures to tell visitors what to expect when they enter?

Writing Prompt: Describe what visitors will experience when they enter under the pediment.

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