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Discussion Sheet; Individual

Romanesque and Gothic Architecture

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Campanile in Pisa (Leaning Tower of Pisa)

Tower of London

Windsor Castle in England

La Sainte Chapelle in Paris

Notre Dame in Paris

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Leaning Tower of Pisa

Summary: Campanile in Pisa (Leaning Tower of Pisa): If the Republic of Pisa hadn't been at war with Florence, Genoa, and Lucca for nearly an entire century, they would have continued building on the tower before the soil foundation had been allowed to settle. If that had been the case, we surely wouldn't have the Leaning Tower of Pisa that we have today. In fact, we might not even have it at all – it might have just collapsed completely!

Tower of London

Summary: At least 6 ravens are kept at the Tower of London at all time, for superstitious reasons. The flock of resident ravens even includes a 'spare'! Each raven has a wing clipped to make sure they don't fly too far from home.

Windsor Castle in England

Summary: The castle was built to replace a Saxon Palace by William the Conqueror in 1070 – it took 16 years to complete! The Castle was first built in wood and then upgraded to stone by Henry 1st 2nd and 3rd who continued the building.

Notre Dame in Paris

Summary: Many statues can be seen on the outside walls of Notre-Dame, and gargoyles and chimeras were added to serve as decorative water spouts.

La Sainte Chapelle in Paris

Summary: La Sainte Chapelle: Sainte Chapelle could be considered a huge reliquary built to house the relics of the Crucifixion. In 1239, Saint Louis bought the crown of thorns from Venetian merchants for 135,000 Pounds. Fragments of the Holy Cross fragments as well as instruments of torture were bought from Baudoin II, king of Jerusalem in 1241.
