

Constructing power in Augustus' Rome

The power of buildings and monuments

Humans have been building shelters to help them survive against the outside world for thousands of years. But is this the whole story? Are all buildings purely functional?





Burj Khalifa, Dubai (left) and the Shard, London (right).

Why do you think the Burj Khalifa in Dubai was built? What about the Shard in London?

Why do nations compete to build the tallest buildings?

What do these buildings say about the city/country/benefactor/architect?







Nelson's Column (London), Monument to the Women of the Second World War (London), the Statue of Liberty (New York).

What is a monument? Is it different to a building?

What messages do monuments send out? What monuments can be found near to you?