

Taj Mahal

Wonders of the Medieval World



Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan was very sad when his wife died. He decided that the best way to deal with his sadness was to make a giant palace to honor the memory of his loved one. His wife, Mumtaz Mahal, obviously never got to appreciate this gesture, but it's a safe bet that she would've liked it. The mammoth white marble palace Shah Jahan built has been called the jewel of the Muslim world.

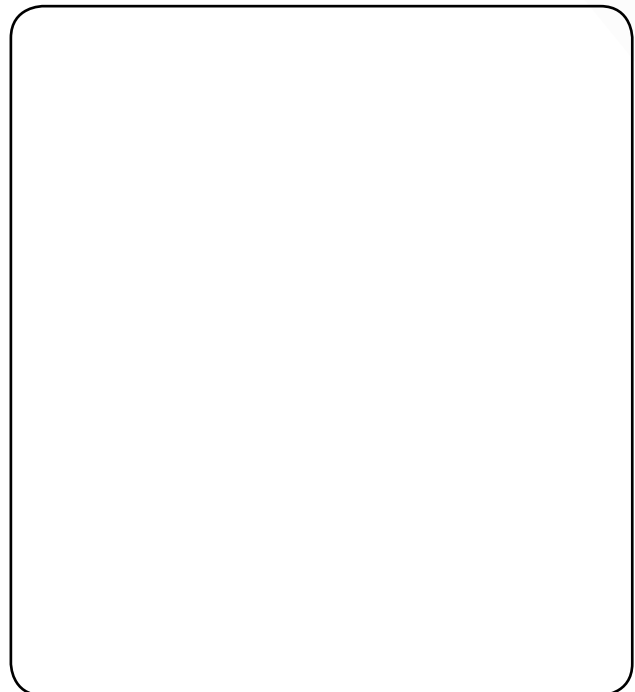
Taj Mahal translates to “crown of palaces” and the palace is certainly worthy of that title. Besides being enormous, the Taj Mahal boasts lush gardens, precious jewels, and an architectural style that drew from Persian, Ottoman Turkish and Indian influences.



Question & Answer:

The Taj Mahal is famous for the way architects merged several different styles into one structure. If you could design your house, what sort of styles would you choose to include? Would you go for a nature-themed style or something more modern and sleek? Can you imagine a way to combine some of your favorite styles into one?

Draw your design and give it some color!



Word Scramble:

AJT LHMAA

Built entirely of white marble, this architectural beauty is called the jewel of the Muslim world.

HSAH AHJNA

He ordered the construction of this world wonder in the memory of his dear wife and queen Mumtaz Mahal.

AMMTOHM

This word also means massive, gigantic or enormous.

NAIID

Known for its vast culture and history, Taj Mahal is located in this South Asian country.

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