



The Chartres Cathedral, France  
The Chartres Cathedral is said to be one of the most beautiful cathedrals in France and a great example of Gothic architecture. It is known for its sculptures and stained glass windows from the 12th and 13th centuries and is one of the most complete medieval churches.



# Middle Ages

## Quick Facts

- Called the Middle Ages because it was in the middle of the fall of Rome and the rise of the Renaissance
- Art was focused on religion, contained shadows and light, was more realistic
- Included Medieval, Gothic and Romanesque Art

## Characteristics and Types

- Frescoes
- Stained glass
- Sculptures
- Mosaics
- Cathedrals
- Mosques



### Porta del Paradiso

Lorenzo Ghiberti, one of the most famous sculptors in the Middle Ages, created these bronze doors for Baptistery of Florence. Named "Gates of Paradise" by Michelangelo, each door portrays five scenes from the Old Testament. It is considered, by many, to be Ghiberti's greatest work. (Medieval Art)

## Influences

- The Catholic church
- Feudalism
- The Crusades



### Master of Taüll

This wall painting by San Clemente in Taüll, c. 1123, is a prime example of Romanesque Art. However, there were distinctive variants in Romanesque Art, depending on where it originated. Art from this period was greatly influenced by pilgrimages to sacred locations.