ROME
What do you know about Roman Empire?

- Romans were
  - Energetic
  - Practical people
  - Combine function and beauty
  - Skills in engineering and architecture
• It is practical and utilitarian
• Interest in public works and engineering
• Monumentality
• Great technical advances
• Colossal to show Roman power
• It is commemorative and propagandistic
Characteristics

• Building systems:
  • Lintelled:
    • Copied from the Greeks
    • Spaces are closed by straight lines
  • Vaulted
    • Use of arches
    • Barrel vaults
  • Use of domes
  • Strong walls so that they do not use external supports

Arch
The Pantheon
The Pantheon (Interior)
Roman Basilica
Upper Class house
Commemorative Architecture
Arch of Constantine
Arch of Titus
Trajan column
Bridges

Aqueducts
- Realistic portraits
- Wax masks of deceased relatives
- Stone and marble for permanency
Greeks vs Romans

Greeks idealistic portraits, Romans for realism.

Greeks for public monuments, Romans for private needs.

Romans express emotions through facial features, head and face were important, Greeks considered a sculpture of a head or a bust incomplete.
Roman sculpture’s two main genders were:

• Portrait
• Historical relief
Women portraits

- It was the reflect of fashions
- It is a realistic depiction of woman
- Special attention to hair style.
Equestrian sculpture
Two kinds:

- On wall: Fresco
- On wood: Temple
- Wide range of colors: Black, white, red, yellow and sometimes blue and green
- Perspective was used in barely occasions
Fresco at Pompeii
• Daily life
• War
• Mythology
• Erotic
• Comical
• Nudes were possible according to customs