

State Capitol, Columbus, Ohio, 1838–1861 by Thomas Cole [1801–1848] and others

1. Compare this building to the modern ones behind it.
2. Why is this nineteenth-century building shorter than the modern ones?
3. Look at pictures of Greek temples such as the Parthenon.
4. The Ohio State Capitol is an example of Greek Revival, a popular nineteenth-century architectural style based on classical Greek and Roman structures. Specifically, how does this resemble Greek architecture?
5. Locate and identify these architectural features that are found on classical Greek and Roman architecture.
 - a. Pediment:
 - b. Columns:
 - c. Capitals:
 - d. Pilasters:
 - e. Drum:
 - f. Entablature:
6. How did the architects create a sense of harmony in this building?
7. Explain why Greek Revival was a popular architecture style for government buildings in the nineteenth century.
8. Explain how the architect for this project was selected.

Historical Connections: Northwest Ordinances; statehood

Historical Figures: Thomas Jefferson

Civics: role of state government

Geography: state capitals

Arts: Greek Revival; Doric mode; Thomas Cole