

# AP Art History

## Mosque Vocabulary Terms

- *Centrally-planned mosque*: a square or rectangular building with a large, column-less, central prayer space
- *Dome*: (*Qubba* in Arabic) a rounded vault forming the roof of a building
- *Four-iwan mosque*: Persian-style mosque designed as an open courtyard with 4 vaulted spaces on each wall of the courtyard
- *Hypostyle mosque*: rectangular mosque with a columned hall, based off the house of Muhammad
- *Iwan*: vaulted space that opens onto a courtyard
- *Maqsura*: elaborately decorated, separate area in a mosque, often near the *mihrab* and *minbar*, used by a ruler to convey status
- *Masjid-e jameh* or *jami masjid*: Friday mosque
- *Mihrab*: a designated, often elaborate area, on the wall that indicates the direction of Mecca (*qibla*)
- *Minaret*: a tower for the call to prayer by a *muezzin*
- *Minbar*: pulpit for the *imam* (Islamic religious leader)
- *Mosque*: (*Masjid* in Arabic) place of Muslim prayer, it is required that men pray in a mosque at the Friday noon service
- *Qibla*: direction towards Mecca
- *Sahn*: courtyard