ANCIENT INDIAN ARCHITECTURE

SOUTH INDIAN ARCHITECTURE

Pallava Dynasty

- Period: 5th-8th century
- Features: Shikara, Griha, Kalasa
- Notable Temple: Brihadeeswarar Temple, Thanjavur

Mahishamardini Group

- Period: 7th century
- Features: Tall spire, central shrine
- Notable Temple: Kanchi Kailasanathar Temple

Rameshvara Group

- Period: 8th-9th century
- Features: Large temple complex, multiple shrines
- Notable Temple: Adiyar Gopura, Madurai

Randhavaram Complex

- Period: 10th century
- Features: Multiple shrines, sub-structures
- Notable Temple: Thiruvarur Bhrameswarar Temple

Chola Dynasty

- Period: 11th-12th century
- Features: Large gopuras, multi-tiered spires
- Notable Temple: Brihadeeswarar Temple, Thanjavur

Dravidian Architecture

- Characteristics: Large gopuras, multi-tiered spires
- Evolution: Pallava, Chola, Rajaraja Chola periods

The Different Styles of Dravidian Style on an Archedc:

- Hoyadeva Style: Simple roof, single tower
- Vainyagopura style: Complex roof, multiple towers
- Vainyagopura style: Multiple roof, integrated towers
- Vainyagopura style: Large roof, multiple towers
- Vainyagopura style: Terraced roof, multiple towers