

Plaza and Amphitheater Series Introduction

Areas that are highly populated and densely developed are prime locations for plazas, amphitheatres, or city squares. Plazas can accommodate large numbers of people and provide a pleasant place for interaction, eating, resting and entertainment. Amphitheatres are ideal for outdoor performances and entertainment and are a great tool for public gathering and events. This series includes photos of several different types of plazas and amphitheatres. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to similar, present and future areas for these types of use within your community.

Plaza Definition:

An area generally open to the public and used for passive recreational activities and relaxation. Plazas are paved areas typically provided with amenities, such as seating, drinking and ornamental fountains, art, trees, and landscaping, for use by pedestrians. (*Portland, Oregon*)

Keywords:

accommodate large crowds; center of community life; central gathering place in high-density developments; eating; entertainment; kiosks; landscape; open design; outdoor dining; outdoor performances and concerts; people watching; provide sun and shade; public events; resting; seating: stairs as seating, free-standing chairs, benches; street art; street performers; street vendors; surface materials; town square; water features



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