Paris, France - The Panthéon



The Panthéon in Paris, France. A large building with a façade similar to a Greek temple and topped with a giant dome. A man and a lamppost are in the foreground, with surrounding buildings in the background. The Panthéon was built by Louis XV and originally intended to serve as a church dedicated to St. Geneviève, the patron saint of Paris. Upon its completion in 1789, however, the Revolutionary government decided that it would instead serve as the mausoleum for great Frenchmen. Such notable figures as Voltaire, Rousseau, Marat, Victor Hugo, Emile Zola, Marie Curie, Louis Braile, and Alexander Dumas are buried within its necropolis. See also slide C16275, (1936).

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