COMPARING GOTHIC AND ROMANESQUE ARCHITECTURE

	Romanesque	Gothic
Time	11th and 12th c. (feudalism)	From the second half of 12th c15th c. (High Middle Ages, revival of cities)
Where	It started in France (Cluny, Benedictine order) and it spread to the whole of Europe through pilgrimage routes	It started in France (St. Denis) and it spread to Europe.
Main types of buildings	Mostly religious: churches, monasteries (some cathedrals)	Religious: churches and cathedrals Civil: Town Hall, markets ("lonjas")
Ceilings	Stone	Stone
Symbology	Strength and long lasting faith on an almighty god	Pride of the bourgeoisie and the city (and power of faith, of course)
Type of arch	Semicircular arch ("arco de medio punto") The problem of the thrust ("empuje") and its implications	Revolutionary!! Pointed arch (and more) a) b)
Vault ("bóveda")	Barrel vault ("bóveda de cañón")	Revolutionary!! Ribbed vault (bóveda de crucería") **The control of the control

Height of the building	Not too tall	Really tall
Walls	Thick Function: to hold	Thin Function: to close the building
Windows: many? few? How much light?	Few windows Little light / dark interior Flared window ("abocinada")	Many stained glass windows (vidriera): Lots of coloured light
Type of buttress	Single buttress ("contrafuerte") Contrafuerte	Revolutionary!! Flying buttress ("arbotante") + pinnacles
Plan ("planta")	Latin cross plan ("Planta de cruz latina") Christ in the cross!	Latin cross plan

