


*What words or images come to mind?*

*Describe the architecture you see—what materials or designs stand out?*

*(Stone columns, reliefs, terraces.)*

*How does Pasargadae's design differ from Persepolis?*

*Pasargadae is simpler, older; Cyrus the Great's tomb.*

 They are two of the oldest structures on the planet. They date back to 2,500 years ago.



**2,500 years ago**



 They are both listed in UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

# Persepolis

"the city of the Persians"

Persepolis was an ancient city in

Iran

One of the most famous historical sites of Iran is definitely Persepolis.

Persepolis was constructed by the Persian king of kings Darius I Achaemenid. It was a center for a lot of celebrations and festivals. There are seven palaces in Persepolis and more than 3000 reliefs, including the relief of Farvahar, soldiers and lions.

Pasargadae was the capital of ancient Persia. It was founded by Cyrus the Great.



# Cyrus the Great

He was one of the greatest Iranian emperors. His empire included the modern Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Armenia, Kuwait, Syria, Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and parts of Egypt.

Unscramble the words to make a sentence.

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## Who constructed Persepolis?

A) Cyrus the Great

B) Xerxes I

C) Darius I Achaemenid

D) Artaxerxes I

# reliefs

There are more than 3000 reliefs in  
Persepolis.

**reliefs**

**lion**

**Farvahar**

**Alavi**

**soldier**

# Palace

There are seven palaces in Perspolis.



*The largest and most magnificent building in Persepolis is the Apadana. Darius started building it and Xerxes finished it. It took 30 years to complete.*

MAGNIFICENT!

Magnificent: Something that is very beautiful, impressive, or grand in appearance or quality.

# tall Pillars

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# Pasargadae



**Pasargadae was the capital of ancient Persia.**

**It was founded by Cyrus the Great.**



# True or false ?

Darius I Achaemenid constructed Persepolis.

Pasargadae was founded by Cyrus the Great.

Darius started building Apadana and Xerxes finished it.

There are seventeen palaces in Persepolis.

There are 3000 reliefs in Persepolis.

Pasargadae was the capital of ancient Persia.

# How many palaces can you see in Perspolis?



Entrance Gate To Persepolis

Entrance Stairway

Gate of All Nations  
Large structure with stone bull statues

Thirty - Two Column Hall

Tomb of Artaxerxes III

Persepolis

Apadana Palace  
Remains of a great columned hall

The Hundred Column Hall

Palace of Three Gates

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Treasury

Tachar Palace

Hadish Persepolis Petroglyph

Palace D

(Queen Palace (Museum

Hadish Palace

Artaxerxes III Palace



**BATTLE**



**Darius III**  
**Achaemenid King of Kings of**  
**Persia**

**Alexander the**  
**Great**  
**king of Macedonia**

**After a battle between Darius III and Alexander of Macedon, the army of Alexander took the Persepolis and set it on fire. Sadly, the fire burnt and damaged a lot of the valuable parts of the palaces.**



**Alavi**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools**

*Which of these is a tall building?*

*A) bridge*

*C) tower*

*B) tunnel*

*D) road*



*How high is Azadi Tower?*

*A) 55 meteres*

*C) 65 meteres*

*B) 45 meters*

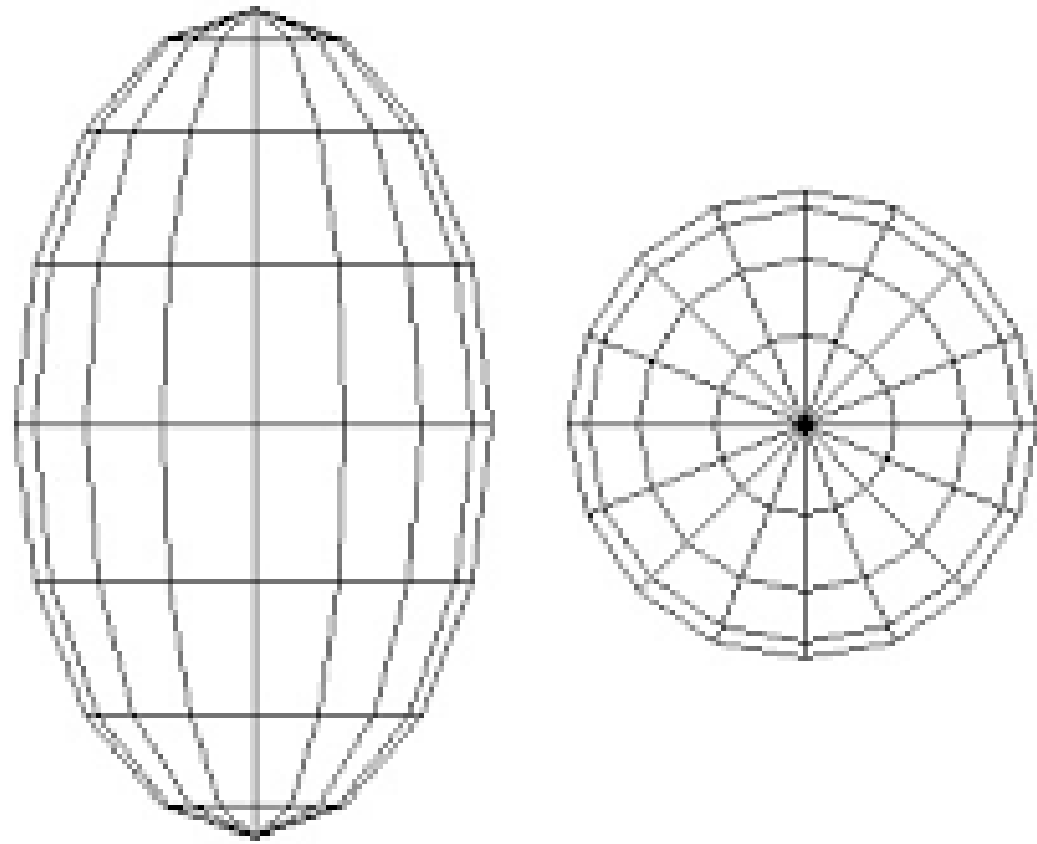
*D) 35 meters*

Unscramble the words to make the sentence.

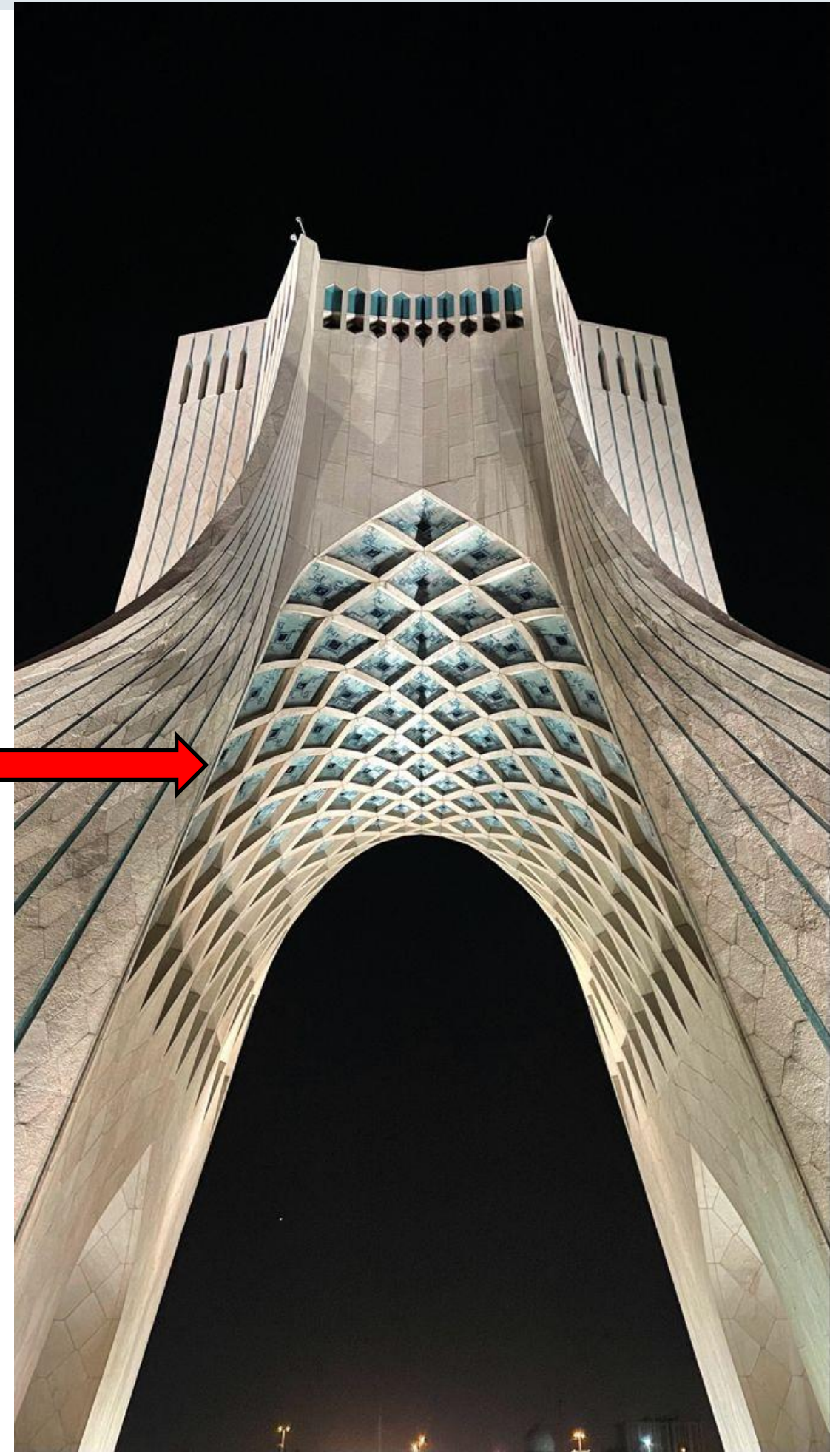
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45 meters high .

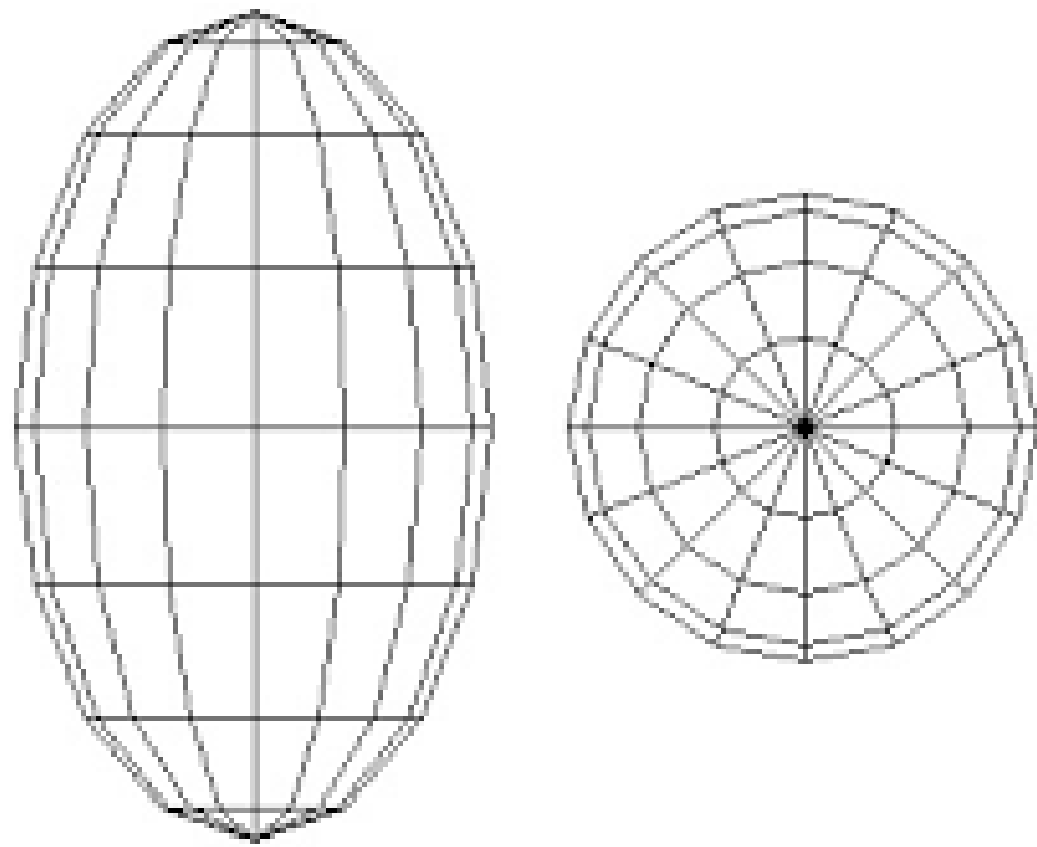
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The tower is **45 meters** (148 ft) high.



Oval dome





 There is an oval shaped dome, similar to Isfahan Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, which is only visible from the inside.



Shahyad Tower

Azadi Tower

Darvaze ye Kurosh

The tower was originally named [?]  
, then it was called [?].  
Later, it was changed to [?]  
, which means the Tower of Freedom.

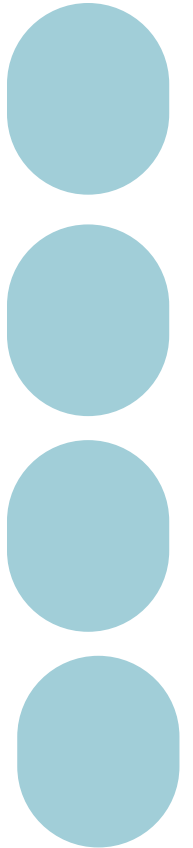
# True or false ?

There is a museum and a restaurant underneath the tower at the basement level.

The tower is 65 meters high.

The tower was originally named Darvaze ye Kurosh.


Azadi Tower is now one of the most important symbols of Tehran.



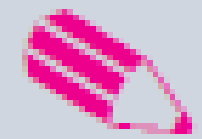
# Azadi Tower

In 1966, 24-year-old architecture student Hossein Amanat won a competition to design a building to celebrate to the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian Empire. It is now one of the most important symbols of Tehran. If you take the stairs or elevator to the top, you can see several hexagonal windows set around the upper level which give an amazing view of Tehran.



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- ✎ The tower was originally named Darvaze ye Kurosh (the Gate of Cyrus), then it was called Shahyad Tower. Later, it was changed to Azadi Tower, which means the Tower of Freedom.
  - ✎ There is a museum and a concert hall underneath the tower at the basement level.
  - ✎ The tower is 45 meters (148 ft) high.
  - ✎ Azadi tower is a combination of traditional and modern architecture, for example:
    - ✎ The four bases are similar to the pillars from the Achaemenid era.
    - ✎ The large arch of the tower is a symbol of Kasra arch (Taq Kasra), an ancient Persian building of the Sassanid era.
    - ✎ There is an oval shaped dome, similar to Isfahan Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, which is only visible from the inside.
    - ✎ The upper body of the tower is like Iranian Badgirs.





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