AP® Art History
2003 Sample Student Responses

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5. Identify the structure shown. In what ways does this structure reflect the imperial aspirations of the early Roman Empire? (5 minutes)

This is the Roman aqueduct at Pont-du-Gard. The awesome construction of this 3-level aqueduct reflects the ambitious expansionist aspirations of the early Roman empire. By building this aqueduct, the Romans bent nature to their will, transmitting water supplies through a feat of technology in concrete and arch.

Thus, the aqueduct reflects the early Roman empire's desire to take power over nature and other territories. The aqueduct is also representative of the Roman's desire to create an efficient government and support system. Through aqueducts and roads, the Romans sought to make their empire the highest point of civilization in the world.
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The Roman aqueduct used to move water to the city. It was made with concrete—the arches give support to this great structure. The Romans were very smart and had great ideas. They had pipes that ran to the city that carried their water supply underground. The water was used for home life and the bathing houses. They could now make great roads to get to places faster. Romans were the center of everything they knew, things that other generations had to refigure out because when the Romans were gone they no longer had the great knowledge. They built some of the first "speed bumps" that could also be used as stepping stones. The Romans built many buildings with concrete. Their buildings have lasted for years and even their streets are still there today.