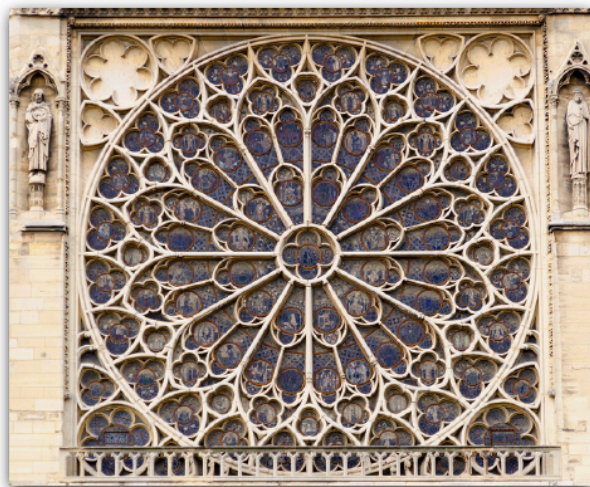


Radial balance is the kind of balance we see when we cut a pie. We see pieces of pie all radiating from the centre of the pie and forming equal parts around that central point. Because the centre point creates a spot equidistant from the outer edge of the pie plate, balance naturally occurs.

Another example we are all familiar with is an eye. The circular, colored iris surrounds the pupil, which forms the center of the eye. In the image below, we can see fine lines radiating outward from the pupil in the center.



Radial balance is used in architecture, as well, as in the rose window from the **Notre Dame Cathedral** in Paris (below), and in the dome ceiling of the **Pantheon** in Rome (upper right).



Can you see how the flowers and the mushrooms, below, are also examples of radial balance? Notice the lines radiating out from the center of the flower.



Could you cut a mushroom the way you might cut a pie, forming equal wedge shapes?

