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1. A building, especially one of imposing appearance or size.
2. An elaborate conceptual structure: *observations that provided the foundation for the edifice of evolutionary theory.*

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *aedificium*, from *aedificāre*, to build : *aedis*, a building + *-ficāre*, -fy.]

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