1. COMPREHENSION CHECK

**1. Who ordered the construction of the Opera?**

Napoleon III ordered the construction of the Opera.

**2. What are its various architectural styles?**

Baroque, Renaissance and Classical styles.

**3. What was the purpose of the large ramp on the West side of the Opera?**

The ramp is for the Emperor's carriages, so they can take them more easily to the Emperor's Pavillion.

**4. Why was the completion of the Opera delayed?**

Because of a war in 1870 and a fire in 1873 and the Opera did not open until 1875.

**5. Who designed the Opera?**

Charles Garnier designed the Opera.

**6. What was the purpose of the underground lake?**

To make the foundations of the building safe.

**7. What are the four allegorical groups on the facade?**

·The poetry of François Jouffroy .

·The instrumental music of Eugène Guillaume.

·The Dance of Jean-Baptiste Carpeaux, whose naked characters provoked the ire of the Puritans .

·The lyric drama of Jean-Joseph Perraud.

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