

THE OPERA HOUSE

1. Comprehension check

Answer the questions below

- A. Who ordered the construction of the Opera?
Napoleon III
- B. What are its various architectural styles?
Renaissance, Baroque and Classical.
- C. What was the purpose of the large ramp on the West side of the opera?
Was put there so that the emperor could drive directly into the main hall of the opera.
- D. Why was the completion of the Opera delayed?
Because there was a war in 1870 and a fire in 1873.
- E. Who designed the Opera?
Baron Haussmann and Charles Garnier
- F. What was the purpose of the underground lake?
To make the foundations of the building safe.
- G. What are the four allegorical groups on the facade?
Music, Lyric, Poetry, Lyric Drama and Dance.