

THE PARIS OPERA HOUSE

1. Comprehension check

Answer the questions below

1. **Who ordered the construction of the Opera?** Napoleon III.
2. **What are its various architectural styles?** Renaissance, Baroque and Classical.
3. **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
4. **Why was the completion of the Opera delayed?** Because there was a war in 1870 and a fire in 1873.
5. **Who designed the Opera?** Baron Haussmann and Charles Garnier
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?** Music, Lyric, Poetry, Lyric Drama and Dance.