

## **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 styles.

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

So that the Emperor could drive directly into the main hall of the Opera.

**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.

**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 facade contains four allegorical groups: Music, Lyric Poetry, Lyric Drama and Dance.