

COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. Who ordered the construction of the Opera?

Napoleon III

2. What are its various architectural styles?

The different architectural styles are Renaissance, Baroque and Classical styles.

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

It was constructed to let the Emperor drive directly into the main hall of the Opera

4. Why was the completion of the Opera delayed?

Because in the middle of the process, started a war and Afterwards a fire that delayed the work.

5. Who designed the Opera?

The Opera was designed by the architect Charles Garnier and that is why the Opera Palace is often called the Garnier Palace.

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.