

The Phantom of the Opera

THE PARIS OPERA HOUSE

1. Comprehension check

Answer the questions below

- a) *Who ordered the construction of the Opera? Napoleon III ordered the construction of the Opera.*
- 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? The purpose of the ramp was So that the Emperor could drive directly into the main hall of the Opera.*
- d) *Why was the completion of the Opera delayed? It was delayed because of the war of 1870 and the fire in 1873.*
- e) *Who designed the Opera? Baron Haussmann designed the Opera.*
- f) *What was the purpose of the underground lake? The purpose of the underground was to make the foundations of the building safe.*
- g) *What are the four allegorical groups on the facade? The four allegorical groups on the facade are: Music, Lyric Poetry, Lyric Drama and Dance.*

