**THE OPERA HOUSE:**

Which secrets does the Opera House hide? Let's find out! Read the text on pages 52-53-54 of the book and answer the questions: Comprehension Check 1.

**Answer the questions below:**

1. **Who ordered the construction of the Opera?**

The construction of the Opera was ordered by Napoleon III.

1. **What are its various architectural styles?**

Its various architectural styles are Renaissance, Baroque and Classical styles.

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

The large ramp on the West side of the building was put there so that the Emperor could drive directly into the main hall of the Opera.

1. **Why was the completion of the Opera delayed?**

The completion of the Opera was delayed because of a war in 1870 and a fire in 1873. Finally, the Opera opened in 1875.

1. **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.

1. **What was the purpose of the underground lake?**

The purpose of the underground lake was to make the foundations of the building safe.

1. **What are the four allegorical groups on the facade?**

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