

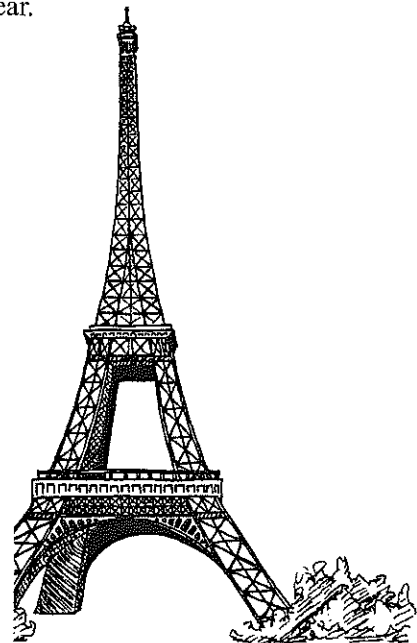
The Eiffel Tower

Key Words

landmarks	buildings or structures having special importance
exposed	not covered
dominates	rises above

9 The Eiffel Tower, in Paris, France, is one of
17 the most famous **landmarks** in all of Europe.
25 Rising to 984 feet, the **enormous** tower of
31 **exposed** iron **dominates** the Paris skyline.
40 In its time, the Eiffel Tower was the world's
47 tallest structure. Finally, 40 years later, the
55 Empire State Building in New York became the
62 tallest structure. The Eiffel Tower had a
69 **significant** effect on the building of all
74 skyscrapers. Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the
81 **foremost** expert on bridges at the time,
88 designed the tower to demonstrate how steel
97 and iron could be used together to build tall
103 structures. Another design achievement of his
111 was the Statue of Liberty in New York.
117 Many people were **displeased** with the
126 Eiffel Tower when they started to build it in
135 1887. Some said it was too **hazardous** for the
143 workers to build, others worried that it would
151 attract lightning, and still others thought it was
158 too ugly. Numerous individuals from the world
167 of art and literature protested the building of the
175 tower by signing a petition. The tower drew
181 insults **regarding** its appearance, including ones
189 comparing it to a skeleton and another that
197 declared that the tower looked like it was
204 designed to display a monument to **Cyclops**.
214 But as the tower grew higher and higher, so did
221 the **affection** of the people of Paris.
229 The building of the tower was an interesting
236 process with each **section** assembled in a
241 workshop. Eiffel carefully checked everything
251 before it was taken to the site where four-man
259 teams **riveted** the sections into place. It was
267 **dangerous** work, but no one was killed while
building this tall tower.

271 The construction of the Eiffel Tower was
278 finished just over two years after it began, in
287 time for the Paris World's Fair in 1889. It cost
297 over a million dollars to build. The plan was to
307 **dismantle** it after the fair, but when the time
316 came, no one wanted to destroy such an
324 **eminent** landmark.
326 The Eiffel Tower was **renovated** in 1981;
333 four new electric elevators were added. The
340 first platform now has a museum, snack bars,
348 and a post office with its own postmark; the
357 second platform has a cafe, named after the
365 science fiction novelist, Jules Verne; and the
372 third platform has the observation deck where
379 tourists can see the enchanting views of Paris.
387 The Eiffel Tower remains one of Europe's
394 most famous landmarks; millions of people visit
401 it every year.
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Comprehension Questions

Identifying the main idea

1. What is the main idea of the story?
 - a. The Eiffel Tower was built for the World's Fair.
 - b. The Eiffel Tower is a famous landmark in France.
 - c. The Eiffel Tower was renovated in 1981.

Recalling a fact

2. What other famous structure did Gustave Eiffel help design?
 - a. the Empire State Building
 - b. the Statue of Liberty
 - c. A skyscraper in New York

Getting meaning from the context

3. What does **renovated** mean in this story?
 - a. cleaned
 - b. replaced
 - c. restored

Making connections within the text

4. Why were the iron and steel beams left exposed?
 - a. to see if lightning would be attracted to it
 - b. to dominate the Paris skyline
 - c. to show how to use steel and iron together

Summarizing information

9. Write a summary statement about the following facts: The Eiffel Tower had an important effect on the building of skyscrapers throughout the world. The people of France did not want the Eiffel Tower destroyed after the World's Fair as planned. In fact, it was renovated in 1981. Millions of people visit the Eiffel Tower each year.
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Connecting the author's and the reader's ideas

5. Why was Eiffel considered a great engineer?

Developing vocabulary

6. Write the bold-faced words from the story that mean the same as the definitions below.

- a. bolted
- b. segment
- c. love
- d. take apart
- e. dangerous
- f. distinguished

Attending to details

7. There were many unhappy people when construction of the tower began. What were these critics worried about?

Processing information

8. How were the critics of the Eiffel tower wrong?

Enrichment Activity

The Eiffel Tower had an important job during World War I. What was it?