

# Answers

1. When did the building of the cathedral of Notre-Dame begin?

**1163**

2. Find and copy a word which is closest in meaning to 'have experienced'.

**undergone**

3. He was an influential author and the story convinced people to restore the ancient landmark.

Find and copy two different words from the sentence above which show that Victor Hugo was persuasive.

**Accept influential and convinced.**

4. Notre-Dame has overcome a number of challenges during its history. Find two challenges that it has overcome.

**Answers will vary, such as: 'It has survived two world wars; it was in a bad state by the nineteenth century; it took a long time to build.'**

5. What do you think the French government will do next? Explain your answer.

**Accept any answer which refers to the story, e.g. I think the French government will see how many people donate to the subscription fund. Then, they will try to get the world's best architects and artists to work on the building because it is loved by so many people.**

6. Why do you think so many people visit the cathedral every year? Explain your answer.

**Accept any answer which refers to the story, e.g. I think so many people visit the cathedral because it is over 850 years old and it contains relics which are important to Christians.**

7. Summarise the story in 20 words or fewer.

**Accept any reasonable summary which is 20 words or fewer, e.g. Notre-Dame has been damaged by fire but the French government say it will be reconstructed through a subscription fund.**