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Discussion Sheet; Individual

Early Victorian and Art Nouveau Architecture

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Westminster Palace including Big Ben

Eiffel Tower in Paris

La Sagrada Familia in Spain

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Westminster Palace including Big Ben

Summary: The bell itself is officially called the “Great Bell”, but gets its nickname from Sir Benjamin Hall, who became the first Commissioner of Public Works in 1855 and oversaw the later stages of the rebuilding of the Houses of Parliament. The previous Palace of Westminster had burned down as a result of the Great Fire of 1834. The Great Bell was cast in 1858 and has Sir Hall's name inscribed upon it. The “big” part comes from the fact that the bell weighs 16 tons (or 13.4 tonnes) and is about 7 feet tall.

Eiffel Tower

Summary: Eiffel Tower: The Eiffel Tower was going to be demolished in 1909, but was saved because it was repurposed as a giant radio antenna.

La Sagrada Familia

Summary: La Sagrada Familia: Construction of La Sagrada Familia began in 1882 and is still underway. It is expected to be completed in 2041. It was originally conceived by Catalan publisher Josep Bocabella symbolic of the revolutionary ideas becoming increasingly apparent in the city of Barcelona. Work began by public subscription with architect Francesc de Paula Villar's design-a traditional neo-Gothic style. When the two could not agree, Antoni Gaudí took over construction.
