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Surprise Me

Chapter Three discusses the construction of the Taj Mahal. After reading this book, what three facts about this process did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find each fact surprising?





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Take a Stand

Many people think of the Taj Mahal as one of the world's most impressive buildings. Do you think it should be thought of in this way? Why or why not?





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Why Do I Care?

The Taj Mahal has always required special upkeep. New challenges have arisen in the modern era. Can you think of some examples? Why is it important to take care of monuments that were built long ago?





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Another View

This book talks about why the Taj Mahal was built. As you know, every source is different. Ask an adult to help you find another source about the history of the Taj Mahal. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?

