THE EIFFEL TOWER

Did you know the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France was built as a result of a competition at the 1889 World's Fair and that not everyone liked it? Many Parisians found it grotesque and ugly. Letters to newspapers were filled with hatred because of its size and architectural contrast to the rest of the city. However, it was an immediate success upon opening and many parts of the world have created replicas, with those in Tokyo, Las Vegas, and Texas being the most famous.

The Eiffel Tower was designed and built by Gustave Eiffel, and was constructed in record time – 2 years, 2 months and 5 days. The three-level iron tower stands 984 feet tall and weighs around 10,000 tons. For 41 years, it was the tallest man-made structure in the world. Even today, it dominates the skyline of Paris and stands as a symbol of France and its great history.

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