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The Sunken Cathedral DEBUSSY *La Cathédrale Engloutie*

EXPLORE THE WORLD: CATHEDRALS



The music in this episode tells the story of a grand cathedral rising up from underwater. The story is based on a French myth about an ancient cathedral in the water off the western coast of the country. While the cathedral in the music may not be real, there are many famous cathedrals all over Europe, where the composer, Claude Debussy, spent his life. Let's learn more about some of them!

First, what is a cathedral? Look up the definition and write it here:

Are there any **synonyms** for the word cathedral? A **synonym** is a word that means the same thing as another, different word in the same language. Look up the word in a thesaurus and finish the four synonyms below:

1. B _____
2. T _____
3. S _____
4. C _____

Debussy lived in Paris, France, home to one of the most famous cathedrals in the world.

What is this cathedral called? [Hint: this is home to a famous "hunchback" character!]: _____

When was it built? _____

Does this cathedral have any bells? How many? _____





There is another famous cathedral in the Vatican City in Rome, Italy. It is known for being the largest church in the world today.

What is this cathedral called? [Hint: it may use a synonym in its name!]:

When was the cathedral built? _____

How tall is it? _____



Another very well-known cathedral is in Moscow, Russia, where many famous composers that we have met on Cliburn Kids also lived. The brightly colored building is topped by many elaborate dome-shaped spires along its rooftop.

What is this cathedral called?

When was the cathedral built? _____

How many domes are there on building? _____



LET'S DRAW!

Using everything we've learned about cathedrals, let's describe the one in Debussy's music! Since this temple was not a real place, Debussy used his imagination to create the underwater scene. Use yours and be creative! Start by drawing your cathedral in the box on the next page.



In what body of water (ocean, lake, etc) do you think this cathedral is hidden? Pick a place on the globe!

When do you think the cathedral was built? _____

Buddy mentions that there are bells on this cathedral. How many bells are there? _____

There are also singers in the cathedral as it rises from the water. Who do you think these singers are?

What do you think made the cathedral rise to the surface?

What made it sink?
