Teacher Guide & Answers

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 1150

1. B  It was the tallest building on earth.

2. D  The design for the top floors was finalized.

3. D  The men worked on narrow beams 1,000 feet above the street.

4. C  It might have been more difficult to find enough money to build the Empire State Building during the Great Depression.

5. D  the construction of the Empire State Building

6. C  to provide the perspective of someone who had seen the Empire State Building when it was new

7. C  never

8. Suggested answer: Answers include: 1929-1930 or the Great Depression the time at which the Empire State Building was built

9. Suggested answer: Answers may vary. Students should explain that this evidence proves that few people had good jobs and many people were unemployed. When people did have jobs that were well paid, they felt lucky because of how rare these jobs were at the time.

10. Suggested answer: Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage. Students may explain that the Empire State Building was built during the Great Depression when people were jobless and most likely hopeless. Thus, it was all the more impressive because it could provide a lot of jobs and represented a large investment of money at a time when that was rare. Students may also explain that the Empire State Building was built in 1930 before there were taller buildings like One World Trade Center. Thus, the fact that it became the tallest building on earth made it all the more remarkable.