

The Golden Gate Bridge

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Have you ever crossed a bridge and looked over the edge? Some bridges are suspended over ravines or rocks while others cross bodies of water. Some are low to the ground while others are very high.



The Golden Gate Bridge is a landmark. It crosses the water suspended high in the air. It is easy to recognize.

The Golden Gate Bridge is 1.9 miles long. Its official name is the International Gateway to the Golden Gate. It connects the mainland with the San Francisco Peninsula.

The bridge was built to connect two pieces of land with a narrow waterway named that. This narrow waterway "Chrysopylos" and the ocean. The name "Chrysopylos" means "Golden Gate".

The bridge was a great addition to the area. Before it was built, people could only cross the water by ferry boat. This was a long trip. At times, it caused travel to take hours. People who lived in one place and worked in the other had to spend long amounts of time getting back and forth.

The bridge took four years to build, between 1933 and 1937. The construction began with making concrete anchors to hold the bridge. With concrete in place, towers

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were built. Cables were hung between the towers to help support the bridge. At last the road was added. When it was done, the travel between the two spots became much easier. Business in both places grew.

Today, the Golden Gate Bridge is no longer the longest bridge made. Many people recognize it by its bright color. A railing and a net along the road help keep people safe. These prevent people from falling or jumping off.

Many people visit the area simply to see the Golden Gate Bridge. This landmark is an example of creative problem solving.

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- 1) What is the author's purpose in the text?
- a) to equip the reader with as many details about the Golden Gate Bridge as possible, including how it helped the all-round development of the area
 - b) to explain how the Golden Gate Bridge got its name and how it made travel in the area easier than before
 - c) to describe the process of constructing the bridge step by step as well as inform the reader about its historical importance

2) Arrange the events in chronological order.

- a) Towers were built.
- b) A road was built.
- c) Cables were strung.
- d) Concrete abutments were built.

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3) Which statement is true?

- a) The Golden Gate Bridge was built in 1937.
- b) The bridge is the longest suspension bridge in the world.
- c) The road was built before the bridge.
- d) The Golden Gate Bridge attracts many tourists.

4) Which sentence makes an ideal topic sentence for the fourth paragraph?

- a) The name "Golden" was first used for the waterway between the two pieces of land.
- b) Many people are curious to know how the Golden Gate Bridge got its name.
- c) The name "Golden Gate Bridge" was given in 1846.

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- 5) Replace the verb "grew" with a stronger verb to show that business developed really well.

Business in both places grew.

- a) rose
- b) increased
- c) flourished

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