



The Rio-Andirio Bridge is absolutely spectacular. It was designed by Berdj Mikaelian and built by French and Greek companies and is almost 3 kilometers long. It is the world's longest multi-span cable-stayed bridge and crosses the Gulf of Corinth near Patras. It links the towns of Rio on the Peloponnese to Andirio on mainland Greece.

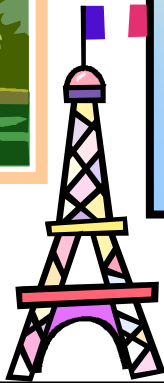
The real name of the bridge is Charilaos Trikoupi. When Charilaos Trikoupi was Prime Minister- over 120 years ago- he was the first person to think up the idea for the bridge. However it was too expensive to construct then.

Before the bridge was erected you had to take a ferry to make the journey. The bridge has got two lanes in both directions and there is a pedestrian walkway. Experts consider the bridge an engineering masterpiece. It was an extremely difficult site to span. The water is very deep and there is always a danger of earthquakes.

The bridge was opened in 2004 and the first people to cross the bridge were Olympic torch bearers, because the Olympics were held in Athens in 2004. It cost 630 million euros!

Writing Task

A Famous Building



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