

Reading for Comprehension: Julia Morgan



Julia Morgan was an architect who designed buildings in California. She was the first woman to graduate from a famous architecture school in Paris, and the first woman to become an official architect in California.

After high school, where she had liked to study math, she went to Paris to enroll in a school that had a very good architecture program. However, she was turned away because she was a woman. After two years, she was finally let in and went on to become the school's first female architecture graduate.

Julia's first big project was to rebuild the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco after it was damaged in the 1906 earthquake. Over the years, she designed more than 700 buildings, many of which are now considered historical treasures. Many of the buildings she designed were for businesses that helped women, like many YWCA buildings and a women's college in Oakland. She is perhaps most famous for designing Hearst Castle, a beautiful castle on the coast of California.

Answer these questions based on the passage.

1. Where did Julia Morgan build her buildings?

2. What did she like to study in school?

3. Why did the school in Paris turn her down?

4. Why did the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco need to be rebuilt?

5. What is Julia's most famous building?
