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France to help make Saudi Arabia's first opera house – 12th April, 2018

## Level 0

France will help Saudi Arabia to get its first orchestra and opera. The two countries signed a cultural agreement. The Paris Opera will help Saudi Arabia make its own performances. The first opera house will be in Saudi's second largest city, Jeddah. Saudi will spend \$64 billion on entertainment in the next 10 years.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's plan is to modernize Saudi. France will help with tourism. It will preserve old sites in Saudi's region of Al-Ula. Another important part of the agreement is to translate books. France said it was important to translate books, "in both directions, from Arabic into French and French into Arabic".

## Level 1

Saudi Arabia will have its first orchestra and opera. France will help to set them up. The two countries signed an agreement on Monday to improve cultural ties. The Paris Opera will help Saudi Arabia produce its own opera and classical performances. There are already plans to build the first opera house. It will be in the kingdom's second largest city, Jeddah. Saudi Arabia will spend \$64 billion on its entertainment industry in the next 10 years.

The agreement is part of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's Vision 2030 plan to modernize Saudi. Other parts of the agreement will see French archaeologists help to develop and preserve Saudi Arabia's region of Al-Ula. This area is rich in ancient sites. Another important part of the agreement is translating books. France's Culture Minister said it was important to translate books, "in both directions, from Arabic into French and French into Arabic".

## Level 2

Saudi Arabia will have its first orchestra and opera. France will help to set them up. The two countries signed agreements on Monday to boost cultural ties and cooperation. France's Culture Minister said: "Today, an agreement was signed with the Paris Opera to help Saudi Arabia set up a national orchestra and an opera." The Paris Opera will help Saudi Arabia produce its own performances. Plans are already under way to build the country's first opera house in the kingdom's second largest city, Jeddah. Saudi Arabia will invest \$64 billion in its entertainment industry over the next 10 years.

The agreement is part of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's Vision 2030 project. He wants to modernize Saudi life. Other parts of the cultural agreement will see French archaeologists developing Saudi Arabia's northwest region of Al-Ula. This area is rich in ancient archaeological sites. French archaeologists will help to preserve the area. Another important part of the agreement is the translation of literature. France's Culture Minister stressed, "the importance of translating books in both directions, from Arabic into French and French into Arabic".

## Level 3

Saudi Arabia will soon have its very first national orchestra and opera. France will help Saudi to set up the musical groups. The two countries signed a series of agreements on Monday to boost cultural ties, and cooperation through the arts. France's Culture Minister said: "Today, an agreement was signed with the Paris Opera to help Saudi Arabia set up a national orchestra and an opera." The world-famous Paris Opera will help Saudi Arabia produce its own classical music performances and operas. Plans are already under way for the country's first opera house to be built in the kingdom's second largest city, Jeddah. Saudi Arabia will invest \$64 billion in developing its entertainment industry over the next decade.

The agreement is part of a plan created by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, called Vision 2030. He wants to modernize many areas of Saudi life. There were other projects included in the cultural agreements between France and Saudi Arabia. French archaeologists will work on developing Saudi Arabia's Al-Ula region in the northwest of the country. The area is rich in ancient archaeological sites. French experts will help to preserve the area. Another key part of the agreement is the translation of literature. France's Culture Minister stressed, "the importance of translating books in both directions, from Arabic into French and French into Arabic".