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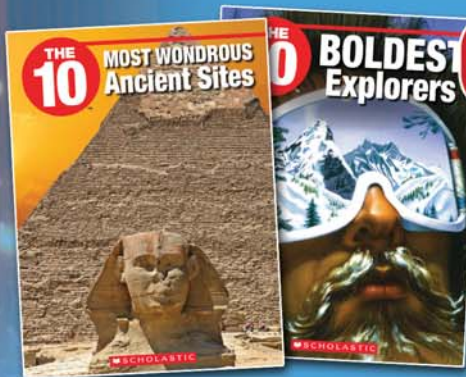
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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

WHERE IT STANDS
The Golden Gate Bridge connects the city of San Francisco to Marin County and is one of the most important bridges in the world. It spans the Golden Gate Strait, which is where San Francisco Bay opens into the Pacific Ocean.

ENGINEERING FEAT
Workers used over one million tons of concrete to build the huge towers that hold the bridge's cables. Workers had to do their jobs in high winds, 200 to 240 feet above the water. Metal cables were often snapped because of the big, rocking ships that passed by. The construction work really challenged the city's skills, timing, and coordination. Engineer Joseph B. Strauss spent \$100,000 on testing that was underwritten by the bridge. The bridge was completed in 1937 at a cost of \$357 million.

NEWSPAPER
In 2008, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, approved a study on the effects of building a safety barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge. Engineers say it will be difficult to design a barrier that does not add wind stress to the bridge.

BRIDGING THE GOLDEN GATE

History is filled with wonders. This fact chart highlights some of the Golden Gate Bridge's most important facts.

1933
The year actual construction of the bridge began

11
The number of men who lost their lives during the construction

\$4,511
The daily wages for a construction worker on the bridge. The work was dangerous and difficult but the workers were happy to have jobs in what was then the Great Depression.

200,000
The approximate number of people who walked on the bridge on the day it was opened to pedestrians

1,779,032,891
The number of vehicles that have crossed the bridge since June 2008

Take Note
The Golden Gate Bridge is an engineering masterpiece. It is the longest suspension bridge in the world. It is also the only bridge in the world that is painted International Orange. The bridge is a symbol of San Francisco and is one of the most famous bridges in the world.

The Expert Says...
"The bridge is a masterpiece of engineering. It is a symbol of San Francisco and is one of the most famous bridges in the world." — Bruce Robinson, civil engineer



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