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1. Select the appropriate definition(s):

a. What is a landmark building?

□ a building that you can see and recognise easily.

□ a building that marks an important stage in the development of the city.

□ a building that is built on land.

b. What is a trade?

□ a tradition.

□ a particular domain of business or industry.

□ a job, a kind of work.

2. Look for a picture of the facade of the Library of Birmingham. Select the adjectives that could describe it.

circular – attractive – fine – disharmonious – delicate – powerful – old-fashioned – striking – strong

3. Here is a short summary about Birmingham. Read it and find out the traditional economic sectors that made Birmingham.

Birmingham is the second-most populous city in the UK after London. During the industrial revolution, Birmingham was called “the city of thousand trades” because it was home to various trades ranging from heavy metal working to motor-vehicles industry, from chocolate to jewellery\* making.

\* ornaments that people wear, for example rings, bracelets…

4. Now watch the video. Identify and order the different topics that are dealt with : tick the correct boxes and number them.

□ The architects of the building.

□ The objectives of the architects.

□ The environment of the library.

□ The design of the façade.

□ The opposition to the building.

For each topic that you have ticked, write down one piece of information you have understood.

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