



Paris' historic Notre-Dame Cathedral hit by fire

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A major fire broke out at the medieval Notre-Dame Cathedral in central Paris on Monday afternoon, leading firefighters to clear the area around one of the city's most visited landmarks.

1-1. A massive fire _____

1-2. the roaring blaze _____

2-1. Flames burst through the roof of the centuries-old cathedral _____

2-2. which collapsed, _____

3. A huge plume of smoke _____

4-1. While the cause of the blaze is still unclear - _____

4-2. and the Paris prosecutor's office said _____

5-1. Firefighters cleared the area around the cathedral _____

5-2. as one _____

6. A senior French government official said - _____

7-1. The Gothic cathedral - _____

7-2. and is famed _____

7-3. stunning stained glass windows _____

8-1. The wood _____

8-2. was built _____

9. French President Emmanuel Macron tweeted, _____

[Vocabulary]

☐ **Notre Dame Cathedral:** the early Gothic cathedral of Paris, built between 1163 and 1257.

☐ **cathedral:** the most important church in an area that a bishop controls; the principal Christian church building of a bishop's diocese

• *She went to Europe to see the famous cathedrals.*

☐ **roar:** to make a continuous, very loud noise as of wind, water, or vehicles

• *Military planes and helicopters roared overhead.*

☐ **roaring:** making a loud deep noise; a roaring fire burns very brightly and produces a lot of heat

• *a roaring waterfall*

☐ **blaze:** a large fire that causes a lot of damage, especially when a building is burning

☐ **devastate:** to seriously damage or completely destroy something

• *Western India was devastated by a huge earthquake.*

☐ **devastating:** causing a lot of harm or damage

• *The devastating earthquake destroyed the city.*

☐ **renowned:** famous and admired for a special skill or achievement

• *The Plaza is one of New York's most renowned hotels.*

☐ **Parisian:** someone from Paris in France; a resident of Paris

☐ **burst through:** to break through or penetrate something with force

• *The tank burst through the barrier easily.*

☐ **engulf:** to cover or surround something in a way that harms or destroys it

• *Flames engulfed a building.*

☐ **iconic:** very famous and well known, and believed to represent a particular idea

• *His photographs have become iconic images of war.*

☐ **spire:** the pointed top of a church tower or other building

• *One of Dublin's newest monuments is the **Spire** of Dublin, or officially titled "Monument of Light".*

☐ **plume:** a long narrow cloud of dust, smoke, etc. that moves upward

• *There was a loud explosion, followed by a plume of thick black smoke.*

☐ **plume of smoke:**

☐ **waft:** to blow gently

• *A breeze wafted through the door.*

☐ **prosecutor:** a lawyer whose job is to prove in court that someone accused of a crime is guilty

• *Federal **prosecutor** Mary Jo White was appointed to investigate the pardon of Rich.*

☐ **prosecutor's office:**

☐ **inquiry**: an official examination of a crime, accident, problem, etc., in order to get information or the truth

- *The police held an inquiry into campaign money.*

☐ **in horror**: with intense shock or disgust

- *Mike stepped back from the rattlesnake in horror.*

☐ **crown jewel**: a particularly valuable or prized possession or asset

'one of Istanbul's architectural crown jewels'

☐ **senior**: with a high rank or position

- *There are only two positions that are senior to mine.*

☐ **senior official**:

☐ **Gothic**: a style of architecture developed in northern France that spread throughout Europe between the 12th and 16th centuries; characterized by slender vertical piers and counterbalancing buttresses and by vaulting and pointed arches

☐ **Gothic cathedral**: A revolutionary style of construction of the High Middle Ages in western Europe which emerged from Romanesque and Byzantine forms. The style's features were height and light, achieved through a mixture of skeletal structures and increasing use of windows. Walls were no longer necessary to support the roof and could be replaced with large, tall windows of stained glass. One of the finest and oldest examples of French Gothic architecture is Notre Dame in Paris.

☐ **renovation**: the state of being restored to its former good condition

- *"The inn was a renovation of a Colonial house."*

☐ **famed**: known by many people for a particular quality or achievement; widely known and esteemed

- *a famed poet*

☐ **gargoyle**: a stone statue of an ugly creature, used mainly on old churches for directing water away from the roof

- *I want to see a monster, a gargoyle, an animal.*

☐ **stunning**: very impressive or beautiful

- *The eyes of all the guests were focused on the stunning beauty.*

☐ **stained glass**: glass that has been coloured in some way; used for church windows

- *"a cathedral with beautiful stained glass windows"*

☐ **buttress**: a structure made of brick or stone that sticks out from the wall of a building to support it

☐ **flying buttress**: a buttress that stands apart from the main structure and connected to it by an arch

☐ **lead**: a soft heavy gray metal used especially in the past for making pipes, covering roofs, and in paint; small narrow pieces of lead used as frames for small pieces of glass in a window.

- *The children were playing with lead soldiers.*

☐ **restoration**: the process of putting something such as a piece of art or a building back into its original condition so that it looks cleaner and better

- *She specializes in the cleaning and restoration of antique paintings.*



Flying buttresses support the main vault of St. Mary's Church, in Lübeck, Germany.