The Super Bridge

Nova Video Guide



- 1. What is the name of the river to be *bridged*?
- 2. What is the name of the bridge at *Alton* that needed to be <u>replaced</u>?
- 3. Name the three general types of bridges that were considered and state their *Pros* & *Cons*.
- 4. Describe the *specific* bridge type decided upon.
- 5. What is a *fixed bid*? What are the dangers a company <u>assumes</u> with a *fixed bid*?
- 6. How accurate are the *foundation contractors* attempting to be in the construction of the <u>piers</u>?
- 7. Reinforced steel added to concrete is used to reduce ______
- 8. What will happen if concrete has too little water in its mixture? What will that cause?
- 9. How *tall* are the <u>towers</u>? How *long* does the contractor have to <u>complete</u> their construction?
- 10. How can the weather effect the construction of the towers?
- 11. What is the most *isolated* job in the construction of the towers?
- 12. Why did the workers have to *remove* some of the **concrete** from the towers?
- 13. What was the problem with *Pier #13*?
- 14. Each *stay* needs to be tight enough to:



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- 15. How much will the bridge cost?
- 16. How many edge *gurters* will be on the road deck? How much do they **cost/weigh**?
- 17. What was the problem with the stays and **quality** (corrosion) of the cables?
- 18. List and describe at least 4 problems that caused costly delays in the construction of the New Clark Bridge at Alton