



Bridges of the world.(construction of the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge).*Weekly Reader, Edition 3 (including Science Spin)* 71.21 (March 15, 2002): p3A(1). (371 words)

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C The newest landmark in Boston, Massachusetts, is a bridge stretching 1,457 feet across the Charles River. The bridge is called the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge. When it is finished later this year, it will be the widest bridge of its kind in the world. The bridge will have ten traffic lanes.

The design of the bridge is graceful and modern. Its two 270-foot towers look like sleek, upside-down Y's. Cables attached to the towers hold up the roadway. The cables are made of about 1,500 miles of wire. That's enough wire to stretch from Boston to Miami, Florida! The bridge's cost is about \$100 million.

The bridge is named to honor Leonard P. Zakim, who died in 1998. Zakim worked hard to build bridges between people of all races, religions, and backgrounds in Boston. The bridge also honors the Battle of Bunker Hill, which was fought nearby in 1775. The towers of the bridge were designed to look good next to the Bunker Hill Monument.

1. A landmark is

- [A] a spot on the ground.
- [B] a famous structure or other noticeable feature of an area.
- [C] a construction vehicle.
- [D] a bridge.

2. The Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge will be

- [A] the longest bridge in the world.
- [B] the longest bridge in the United States.
- [C] the widest bridge of its kind in the world.
- [D] the shortest bridge ever built.

3. Study the bar graph. Where is the longest suspension bridge in the world?

- [A] Japan
- [B] Denmark
- [C] China
- [D] United States

4. The best title for this story would be

- [A] "Boston's Big New Bridge."
- [B] "The Battle of Bunker Hill."
- [C] "Landmark Bridges."
- [D] "Miles of Cable."

5. The Bunker Hill Monument

[A] is made of cables.

[B] is a bridge.

[C] was built in 1775.

[D] is shaped something like the bridge towers.

This graph shows the lengths
of the world's six longest
suspension bridges.

Location	Bridge	Length (in feet)
Japan:	Akashi Kaikyo	6,570 ft
Denmark:	Great Belt	5,328 ft
England:	Humber River	4,626 ft
China:	Jiangyin Yangtze	4,544 ft
China:	Tsing Ma	4,518 ft
United States:	Verrazano-Narrows	4,260 ft

Note: Table made from bar graph.

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