

LES PISTES

# DE ROBIN

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## The Mysteries of the Medieval City of Saint-Emilion



My name is **Robin**!  
And I love stories  
from the Middle Ages!



I was told the story of Guillemain, a courageous knight under the Duke of Aquitaine's orders.

I know that a statue was sculpted to decorate his tomb; I would like to find it!  
Your mission will be to help me and my friend **Panpan** in our quest!

To help Robin, you must answer several **riddles** while wandering the streets of the village and share your investigative skills with him. Your answers will allow you to gather **8 letters** that you will copy at the end of this booklet. To find your way, use the map of Saint-Émilion. You can ask for it at the **Tourist Office**!

1 Go to **Place du Clocher**. Behind the bell tower, observe the village. This view is called a panorama. Imagine Saint-Émilion in the Middle Ages: it was a beautiful trading city, surrounded by ramparts and known for its vineyards. Today, this exceptional heritage is protected! An image, which resembles a temple, recalls this protection. Look for this symbol visible on the bell tower! A letter has disappeared, which one?

Answer:

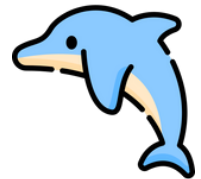


2 Now turn to the **Tourist Office** and observe the windows at the top of the building. There is a character depicted on one of them. This may be the patron saint of the village. Who is he?

Answer: E M I  I O N



3 Head for **Rue des Girondins**, and take a moment to admire the **Terre de la Tente**, a steep alley with uneven ground. Then head towards **Rue de la Cadène**. If you look to your left, you'll see the only timber-framed house in the village, the **Maison de la Cadène**. Look closely at the animals carved on the horizontal beam: they're hidden on either side and in the middle... Circle the odd one out!



### Did you know ?

These monstrous beasts were depicted on facades to protect houses by warding off evil, a bit like the gargoyles on churches!

4 Now walk down the **Rue de la Cadène**. You'll arrive to **Place de l'Église Monolithe**: in the Middle Ages, this was the market square. Look to your right and you will see the covered market, called "halle" in French.

Robin takes a break to buy a bag of flour for 9 coins and a few eggs for 6 coins. How much will he have to pay? To find out, solve this addition:

$$\underline{9} + \underline{6} = 15$$

11	12	13	14	15
K	L	M	N	O

This number matches a letter of the alphabet, which one?

Answer:



5 Now go to the washhouse in the **Rue de la Petite Fontaine**.

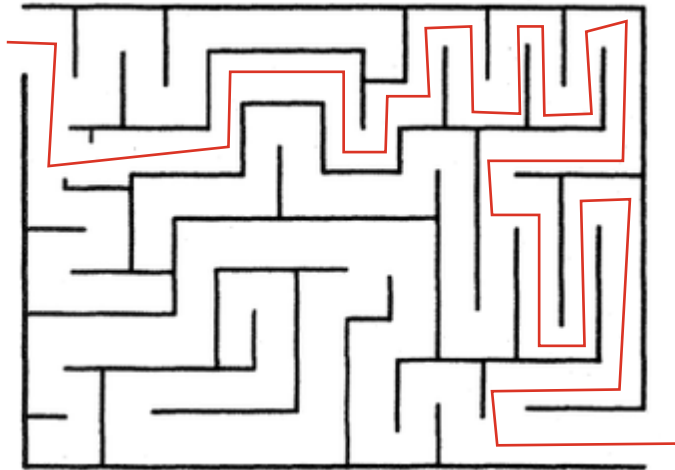
The Petite Fontaine is a pond where people used to come to (tick the right answer) :

- Rinse sheets and clothes
- Wash their feet
- Make the cattle drink

6 After this stop, can you guess what the French word "fontaine" means?

F O U N T A I N

Past the little washhouse, turn right. You will see a bigger washhouse on **Rue de la Grande Fontaine**! Look up at the great monument that overhangs the village. This is where the Jurats governed the city.



Help Robin find his way to the King' **S** Keep or

**T**our du Roy

(use the map to help you)

Head up the stairs to **Place du Cabiou**.

The knight Guillemain perhaps passed through here a long time ago. He probably took the steep path on the right side of the tower! It is now your turn to follow it! With its steps, this passage is called "escalette".



7 At the top, take **Rue du Couvent** on the right and pass in front of Porte Saint-Martin. Continue along **Rue des Anciennes Écoles**. At the end of this street, on the left, there is the **Logis de Malet**. Count the bull's eye windows (round windows). How many are closed? The result corresponds to a letter of the alphabet.

Answer: **E**



8 The logis de Malet is connected to big walls that surrounded the city. These defensive walls are called:

Answer: **R** A M P A **R** T S

That's it, you've collected all 8 letters! Copy them in the right order here.

Answer: **C** **L** **O** **I** **S** **T** **E** **R**

Well done, you found the name of your next stop!

### 9 Did you know ?

In the Middle Ages, this closed space was the heart of the monastery. In this square corridor, a place of silence, the monks prayed and walked. We can also see tombs: knights could be buried here...



In this place, find the funny statue of the knight Guillemain, represented with his shield, sword and chain mail. Today, his head and legs are missing!

Congratulations and thank you for participating in the treasure hunt "The Mysteries of the Medieval City of Saint-Emilion"!

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