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The Mysteries of the Medieval City of Saint-Emilion



My name is **Eleanor**!
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 **Marley** in our quest!

To help Eleanor, 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. 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 by an organisation. Its logo looks like a temple. Look for this symbol on the bell tower and copy the letters here:

Answer :

2 Now turn towards the **Tourist Office** and look at the door on the right of the building. There is a symbol above it with 3 letters carved into the stone. Which is the first letter?

This Christian symbol refers to 'Jesus the Saviour of Mankind'.

Answer :



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**. Observe and draw the animals carved on the horizontal beam at the bottom of the facade.



Did you know ?

These creatures 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.

Eleanor is preparing a soup for the banquet. She is using several vegetables:

- There are 2 bags of cabbages, and each bag contains 3 cabbages.
- 2 bags of turnips, and each bag contains 2 turnips.
- 1 bag of peas, and the bag contains 2 peas.

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How many vegetables will she use for her soup? The result corresponds to a letter of the alphabet:

Now go to **Rue de la Petite Fontaine**.

5 Can you guess what the French word "fontaine" means?

In the past, women from the village would come here to rinse their laundry. Sometimes they would sing together!

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.



6 The **King's Keep** or **du Roy** was built during a war between the French and English in the Middle Ages. It is the:

- Wars of Religion
- Hundred Years' War
- French Revolution



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".

At the top, take **Rue du Couvent** on the right and stop at **Porte Saint-Martin**.

7 The **Porte Saint-Martin** was a gate inside big walls that surrounded the city. These defensive walls are called:

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Continue along **Rue des Anciennes Écoles**. At the end of this street, on the left, 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 :



That's it, you've collected the 8 letters! It's now up to you to find the name of the mystery monument:



Have you found it yet? Then go and find out!

9 Did you know?

In the Middle Ages, this enclosed area was the heart of the monastery. It was generally surrounded by walls and galleries, with a garden in the centre. It was a place of silence where the monks prayed and strolled. There are also tombs: knights could be buried here...

This is where you'll find the unusual statue of Guillemain the knight, depicted 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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