







To begin with, go to the cloister and find the press that was used to print texts. Thanks to this machine, Johannes Gutenberg developed what is known as «typography» around 1450. By covering characters with ink and pressing them hard against a sheet of paper, the page is printed!

YOUR CHALLENGE

What material is the press made of?





Continue to the Graphic Arts Cabinet. Find the drawings of Alsatian landscapes made by the artist David Ortlieb. First architect, he is known for his drawings and paintings of castles and landscapes of the traditional Alsace. He uses only one colour for light and shadow effects!

YOUR CHALLENGE

What is the capital of the historic region of Alsace?









Go to the sacristy, the vaulted room next to the former church of the Dominican friars who arrived in Colmar in 1260. The nun will show you these two 14th century manuscripts which contain the sequences sung during the mass. You can also hear religious songs today...

YOUR CHALLENGE

Look at the chant books. In what language are they written?







After your adventure, take the stairs near the reception to discover a unique place...

On the first floor, you can admire the recently renovated Dominican library. You will discover a collection of 200,000 works tracing the history of the region and of Europe: manuscripts from the Middle $\rm \bar{A}ges,$ printed books, old volumes.





For your next mission, go to the museum area and find the book by the famous fabulist Jean de La Fontaine. This book, engraved in the 18th century, is very precious. Composed of 4 volumes, it gathers all the fables, all illustrated by superb engravings made with pen and brush.

YOUR CHALLENGE

Complete the name of this fable by Jean de La Fontaine: The Cicada and the...



MISSION





Now find the Bible of 1460, printed by Johannes Mentelin. This is the first book printed in Alsace with movable type (letters that are aligned to form sentences). Later, Mentelin printed the sacred text of the Bible for the first time in a language other than Latin: German.

YOUR CHALLENGE

How many lines does this Bible have?





Find the 3 intruders hiding in this scene.







Search for the book entitled Description de l'Égypte. In 1798, Napoleon Bonaparte took part in the Egyptian campaign. On the military side, it was not a great success, but he collected a lot of information about the history, the culture and the fauna and flora of the country. A vast study published in this book!

YOUR CHALLENGE

What are the kings of ancient Egypt called?







Go and look for the Murbach Bible of the 12th century. Before the printing press, books were copied by hand by monks, it took a long time, you can imagine! The chapters of this Bible begin with lettering, large coloured letters decorated with geometric shapes and plants.

YOUR CHALLENGE

He draws and colours the lettering of the manuscripts in the Middle Ages, he is a :









TREASURE HUNT



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Séquence 1 - The Age of Enlightenment











Séquence 3 - The manuscript







2. Jean de La Fontaine - The Fables (Paris, 1755)
The Age of Enlightenment

5. Johannes Mentelin - Bible of 1460
the early printed book

3. Napoléon Bonaparte - Description de l'Égypte (Paris, 1809-1829)

The Age of Enlightenment

6. Murbach - Bible (12th century), Ms 129
The manuscript

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4. David Ortlieb - Drawings (Colmar, 1797-1875)
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7. Dominican Gradual (14th century), Ms 317
Dominican Antiphonary (14th century), Ms 308 Sacristy







Sacristy - Chamber of secret











