

GAME BOOKLET

Young
people
age 9 +



To start your visit, walk towards the footbridge and turn right.

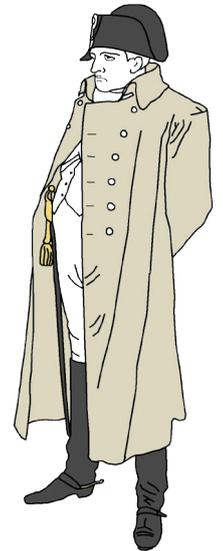
The Fallen Emperor

On 18 June 1815, the Seventh Coalition*, made up of the United Kingdom, Russia, Prussia, Sweden, Austria, the Netherlands and certain German States, defeated Napoleon I at the Battle of Waterloo. On 22 June 1815, Napoleon abdicated, giving up his title of emperor.

On Napoleon's trail

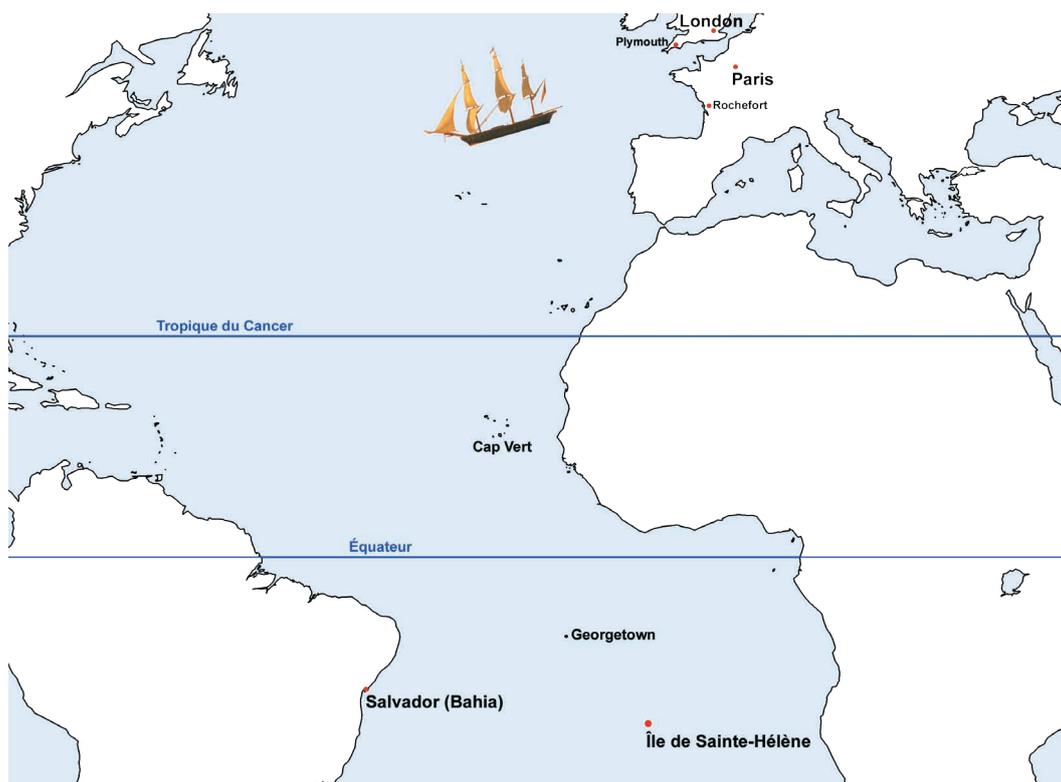
Napoleon fled to Rochefort because he wanted to sail for the United States, but the English blockaded the port. The Heads of State of the Seventh Coalition considered him their prisoner. Seeing no way out, Napoleon surrendered to the English. They put him on *Bellerophon*, which took him to Plymouth, where he boarded *Northumberland*. That ship took him to the island of St Helena, the place to which he was exiled**.

Draw a line to connect the places Napoleon passed through before reaching St Helena.



* **Coalition** :
several States
allied against
Napoleon.

** **Exile** :
Napoleon was
not allowed
back in France.



St Helena was a British possession located more than 7,000 kilometres from France. The British wanted to make absolutely sure that Napoleon would not be able to come back or have any influence on European politics.



Bellerophon, August 1815. John James Chalon, 1816
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A long journey begins...

Find the detail opposite and then find the billiard table. The furniture you can see around you comes from Longwood, Napoleon's house on St Helena, but not all the pieces belonged to him. They were scavenged, made, exchanged or purchased on the island. It was very different from the luxurious furniture he was used to in France.

A year ago, the furniture from Longwood arrived in France to be restored. Today, it is part of the exhibition. Later, it will return to Longwood House on St Helena.

Settling in on the island

1- Napoleon did not play billiards much. He used the big table to:

a- Have a massage

b- Eat, surrounded by many guests

c- Spread out his big maps to keep up with political events in Europe.

This big room is where Napoleon received his guests to ask them about the latest European news and politics.

The billiard table and two globes were gifts from Hudson Lowe, the British governor of St Helena. He did not get along well with Napoleon, but nevertheless thought the furnishings were not what an emperor was entitled to expect.

Now continue towards the end of the room.

The Chinese folding screen

2- Have you spotted the folding screen made in China?

Look at these details and find the odd one out.



a



b



c



d



e



f



g

A folding screen is a fashionable decorative item used to hide a messy part of a room or to keep somebody getting dressed from being seen. Napoleon bought and shipped furniture, like this folding screen, in which he sometimes hid money or secret letters.

Who were these Chinese?

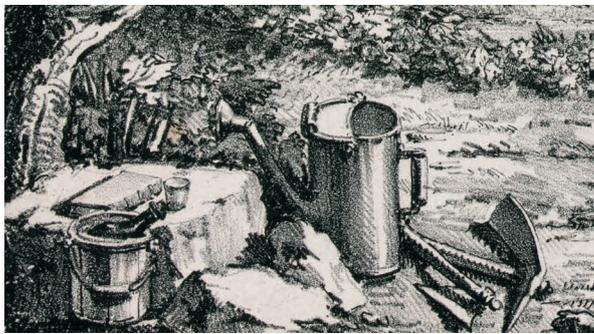
In 1810, Chinese started coming to work on St Helena. Around 50 settled near Longwood and worked in Napoleon's residence.

Gentleman farmer

3- Napoleon found a relaxing new pastime. **The following details will help you guess what it was:**

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A curious family came to watch him



He used the tools opposite...



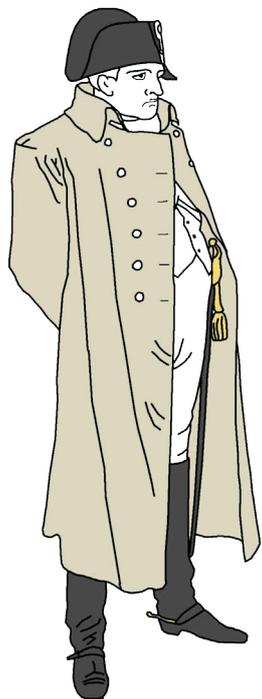
He protected himself from
sunburn!

And drank plenty of water to
avoid dehydration...



In 1819, he even began overseeing the construction of a Chinese kiosk with a view of the sea and a pond shaped like a two-cornered hat.

Turn around and walk back to the second exhibition room.



Napoleon in his pyjamas

As time went by Napoleon became ill and dispirited and his appearance changed. He went out less and less and always wore his indoor clothes.

4- **On one of the drawings, draw circles around the main differences between Napoleon's two outfits.**

These are the clothes he wore while dictating > his memoirs to go down in history as a legendary great man.



Walk into the next space, which focuses on Napoleon's death. Find this detail of the painting of Napoleon on his deathbed and then continue to the next room.

Leaving the island

Draw circles around the differences that have slipped into Jean-Baptiste-Henri Durand-Brager's painting *The French Squadron on St Helena, 18 October 1840*.

Napoleon's body left the island aboard *La Belle-Poule* for his last voyage to France.



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A star

5- On which work can you spot this detail?

- a- The *Mona Lisa* painted by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)
- b- A wall painted by the artist Banksy (born in 1974)
- c- A copy of Napoleon's death mask painted by René Magritte (1898-1967)

Answers : 1- c ; 2- f ; 3- gardening ; 4 hat, shoes, colour of the coat ; 5- c.



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