

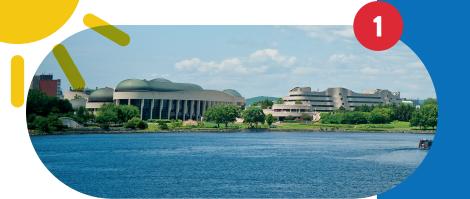


Go on a Quest Outside the Canadian Museum of History!

Explore the Museum grounds and see if you can complete each step of our self-guided quest.

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Can you find Mythic Messengers and identify the figures from Haida origin stories?

Discuss: What activities do you like to enjoy on or in the water?

FAST FACT: The Ottawa River (Kichi Zibi, pronounced ke chi sippi — meaning "The Great River" in the Algonquin language) is one of the largest natural watersheds in eastern Canada, covering approximately 148,000 km². It has been the home of the Algonquin Anishinabeg since time immemorial.

Hint: Look near the Panorama Café terrace.



Mythic Messengers is a monumental bronze frieze by internationally recognized Haida artist Bill Reid (1920-1998). Reid's design features intertwined human and supernatural figures.

FAST FACT: Reid said his work "was inspired by a device often used by Haida artists, an exchange of tongues, whereby power was communicated from one mythic creature to another." Communication between humans and supernatural figures is a central theme in Haida origin stories and in Reid's sculptural works.

From left to right, we see:

- The Bear Mother, a human woman who marries a bear prince and gives birth to twin cubs;
- The hero Nanasimget, who travels to the bottom
 of the ocean to save his wife after she is kidnapped
 by a killer whale;
- Wasgo or the Sea Wolf, who hunts killer whales to feed his family;
- The Dogfish Woman, a powerful figure shown with her dogfish abductor; and
- The Eagle Prince.

How many Canadian flags can you see?

FAST FACT: The year 2020 marks the 55th anniversary of Canada's flag!



Tip: Don't forget to look across the river.



Alexandra Bridge >

Can you find the statue of Algonquin Chief Tessouat?

Do: Take a walk by the river to the bronze statue of Chief Tessouat.

Look: Read the accompanying panel.

See: The artist depicts Chief Tessouat stopping on his way home to Morrison Island after returning from a trading journey to the St. Lawrence River.



Château Laurier >





I spy with my eagle eye...

Can you spot and take a photo of ...?

< Canada's Parliament



< Rideau Canal Locks



< Provincial Flags of Canada



Can you spot the sculpture 'namaxsala ("to travel in a boat together")?





is inspired by a story told to the artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse, by her grandfather Fred Cook. In the story, her grandfather helps a wolf cross a treacherous piece of water in a boat, on Canada's West Coast. "My grandfather's stories always offered an alternative view for considering the world around me," the artist remembers.

To learn more, visit: historymuseum.ca/maryannebarkhouse.

Try a Word Search!

Look around you for things that start with the following letters:

H, I, S, T, O, R, Y