

Reading Abbey

Museum Trail



Start your pilgrimage in the Welcome Gallery

Look above you to find the Reading Abbey Gateway painting.

What do you think the Gateway was built for?

Head to the Bayeux Tapestry

Gallery on the first floor



There is a famous Abbey in the tapestry.

Can you spot it? What is it? (Clue: Scene 26)



Monks wore a shaved hairstyle known as a 'tonsure', like Bishop Odo, to show their religious devotion.

Can you find the painting of an un-named monk with a tonsure?
What is he writing?

Walk up to the Windows Gallery on the second floor,

via the Silchester Gallery, Annexe and Art Gallery

Can you find a stone knight's head? What was the stone used for?



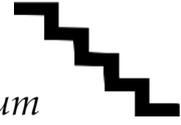
Look up at the stone capitals. Can you spot the battle between man and dragon?

Turn over the page

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Walk down to the Story of Reading Gallery via the
Huntley and Palmers Gallery, Green Space and Atrium



Look at the stone arches to the left of the Gallery. There are shapes that look like animal heads.

What do you think they are?

- A. Birds B. Cats C. Dogs



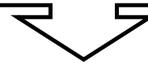
The stone arches are supported by capitals, an angled square block.

What colours can you see on the painted replica?



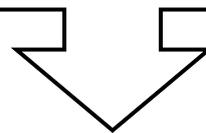
Head into the nook by the Abbey Life sign

How many services did the monks have every day in the Abbey Church?



Reading Abbey needed lots of stones to be built. Can you see nearby how the stones probably arrived?

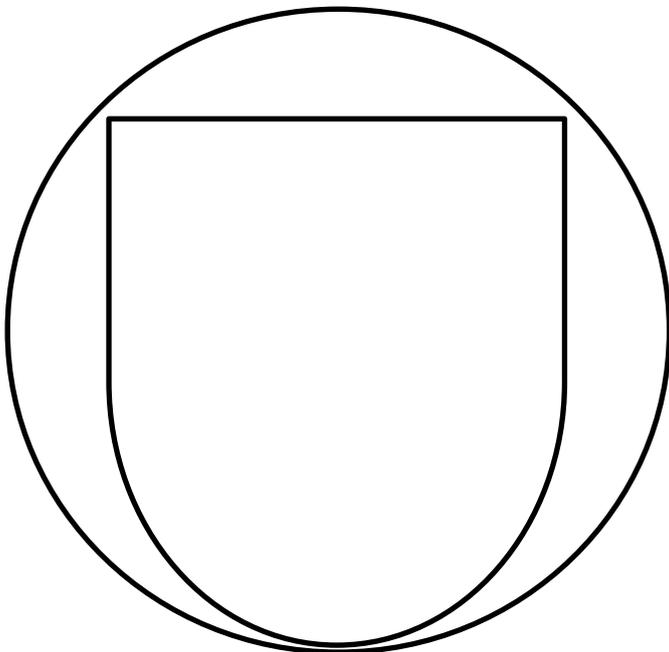
- A. Car B. Train C. Boat



Badges were often worn by pilgrims visiting the Abbey, demonstrating allegiance.

Can you find a mythical creature on a badge?
What is its name?

**DESIGN YOUR OWN
PILGRIM BADGE!**



Well done! You finished the trail!

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