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Congratulations

You have successfully
completed the PAINTING
PURSUIT at Dublin Castle!



This secret
message is in the
Irish language!

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Painting Pursuit



Bottom of the Grand Staircase

1 At the bottom of the Grand Staircase,
you will find many paintings. One of these
paintings depicts a feast of cabbage, loaves
of bread, apples, cucumbers and chickens.
Can you name the furry animal that has yet
to be prepared as part of this feast?

*Clue: This cute mammal has long ears, a short
fluffy tail and strong hind legs.

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2 At the bottom of the Grand Staircase, locate
the painting of Ezekiel in a valley scattered with
dry bones. This 16th century painting shows us
a vision that the Christian prophet, Ezekiel, had
while in captivity. In this vision, he sees his fellow
captives being resurrected. Their bones connect
to form skeletons! When you find the painting,
identify the colour of Ezekiel's cloak.

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3 On the Grand Staircase, find the painting
that depicts an old bearded man dressed in
red. This man is pointing to a cranium.
Do you know another word for 'cranium'?
*Clue: It's often associated with
death and Halloween.

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The Grand Staircase

4 This old bearded man is known as St Jerome. He
was the patron saint of translators and librarians!
Can you name the other object in the painting?
*Clue: It contains letters, words, sentences
and chapters!

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The Grand Staircase

5 On the Battleaxe Landing, find the painting of the
Roman philosopher SENECA! In the painting, Seneca is
executed in a very gruesome way. This beautifully lit
scene depicts the severing of Seneca's veins, so that
he literally bleeds to death! The artist who painted this
was also known as 'Gerard of the Lights', because he
depicted artificially lit scenes in PAINT, like this one!
When you find the painting, count the NUMBER
of figures in it.

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Battleaxe Landing

6 In the Apollo Room find the portrait painting
of Cardinal Domenico Grimani dressed in his red
cardinal robes! Grimani is seated at a table with
an oriental carpet. In his hands, he holds a large
book. On the right of the painting is a shiny object
that rings to alert people. This object is also used
during religious services. Name this object!
*Clue: It rhymes with 'hell'.

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Apollo Room



Drawing Room

7 In the Drawing Room, find the painting of St Jerome. In this painting, Jerome has a long beard and is dressed in red cardinal robes. Do you know what the Latin phrase 'memento mori' means? It translates as 'remember you must die' in English. In art, a 'memento mori' refers to a painting, which features a skull, an hourglass, a clock, extinguished candles, fruit or flowers. What object does St Jerome point to with his LEFT hand?

*Clue: This skeleton of the head usually contains a brain!

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Drawing Room

9 In the Drawing Room, you will find a painting full of poisonous limbless carnivorous reptiles by an artist called Jacob de Backer the Elder. Can you find this painting? When you do, name of the reptile on top of the T-shaped pole.

*Clue: Viper, Python, cobra and anaconda are all examples of this reptile.

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Throne Room

10 In the Throne Room, locate the six circular paintings, which depict various gods and goddesses from Roman mythology. Look for the goddess of war, strategy and wisdom. Her name is MINERVA and she is dressed in armour. In her left hand, she holds a metal object, which protects her from enemies! Name this object.

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Drawing Room

8 In the Drawing Room, find the portrait of the lady resting her head on her RIGHT hand. She has long dark hair, deep blue eyes and pale skin. Her name is Barbara Palmer and she was married to Roger Palmer, the 1st Earl of Castlemaine. When you find her portrait, identify the colour of the curtain behind her.

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Portrait Gallery

11 In the Portrait Gallery, you will find many portraits of viceroys, which have hung on the walls of this room since 1843. These fine portraits in matching gilded frames depict the sitters wearing regalia such as garter robes, peers' robes and military uniforms. Below is a picture of the Irish crown jewels, which were stolen from the Bedford Tower in 1907.

Find a portrait of the VICEROY wearing these jewels in the Portrait Gallery. He is wearing the BLUE MANTLE of the Order of St Patrick. He also has a MOUSTACHE! When you find him, write down his name.

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Portrait Gallery

13 At the end of the Portrait Gallery, you'll find a small lobby space known as the Portrait Gallery Lobby. Find the painting of a boy against a candlelit backdrop holding a ROEMER of red wine. Can you think of another word for 'roemer' in this context?

*Clue: It rhymes with the word 'grass'.

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Portrait Gallery Lobby

14 In the Portrait Gallery Lobby, you will find a painting depicting Saint Lawrence who was roasted alive on the orders of the Prefect of Rome! When you find it, identify the number of figures wearing helmets in the painting.

*Clue: In the painting, St Lawrence is lying on top of an iron grill over a fire.

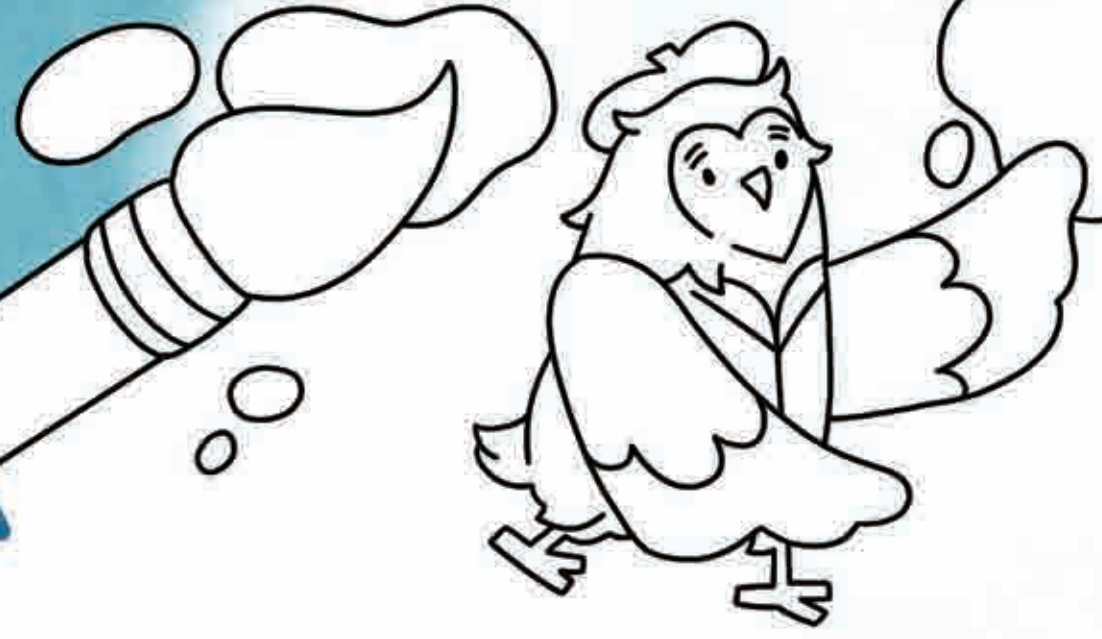
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Portrait Gallery

12 Find a portrait of the VICEROY wearing a kilt with matching knee length socks in the Portrait Gallery. The white of his skin contrasts dramatically with the black background. His right hand is raised to his face while his left hand rests on his lap. When you find him, write down his name.

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St Patrick's Hall

15 In St Patrick's Hall, locate the painting depicting a large group of people! It's a very MODERN painting by the artist, James Hanley. At the centre of this PHOTOGRAPHIC painting, you will find one of our former presidents of Ireland. Can you name this president?

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