

## The salt workers' challenge

The salt workers' challenge is an activity offered by the Ecomuseum of Mont Saint-Michel Bay. In this collaborative game, students help the museum's salt worker. Working in teams, they solve puzzles that allow them to discover the history of salt workers of the past and how the tides function in the Bay. Each solution brings them closer to their quest: finding the salt worker's *passavant* (travel permit).

This activity combines a treasure hunt with observation skills and offers a fun way to explore science and history.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Price:** €5.50 per pupils



After a presentation of the activity, the pupils are divided into six teams. Using a map of the museum, they must then find the six puzzles and solve them. Each puzzle allows them to find a number related to the history of the salt workers. Each correct number brings them a little closer to their final goal.

This activity is suitable for British schoolchildren. A few specific vocabulary words are worth knowing to ensure better understanding during the activity.

- *Customs officer*: a person whose job is to enforce customs laws and regulations and make certain travellers are not taking goods into a country or a specific area without paying taxes
- *Salt marshes*: area of low, flat, poorly drained ground that is subject to occasional flooding by salt water and is covered with a thick mat of grasses, specially adapted to survive in saline habitats. Salt marshes are common along low seacoasts and in estuaries.
- *Foreshore*: part of the coastline located between the extreme limits of the highest and lowest tides. In the Bay, the foreshore is very large.

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