

# QUIZ FOR CHILDREN



## IMPORTANT GUESTS AT SAXONY'S MOST BEAUTIFUL FORTRESS



### 1. The Animal on the Order of Augustus the Strong

**Augustus the Strong is wearing an order with an animal.**

**a) Which animal is it?**

The order stems from the Kingdom of Poland. According to the legend, Lech, the first leader of the Poles, saw the depicted animal at sunset. So he chose it as his sign.

The Saxon Elector Augustus the Strong was also king of Poland. When he was banished from the Polish throne, he founded a male society,

the Order of the White \_\_\_\_\_

He appointed noblemen and high officers who helped him gain back the throne as knights of this order and granted them the badge of honour.

**b) Who else is wearing this order?**

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### 2. The Order of the Golden Fleece

According to a Greek legend, the Golden Fleece was the wool of a golden ram (a male sheep) that could fly and talk. The God Hermes sent him to two royal children, Phrixos and Helle, to rescue them from their evil stepmother. The ram took the children and flew over the sea with them, but Helle fell down and drowned. Phrixos landed in the far-away country of King Aietes who gave him his daughter as a wife. Out of gratitude, Phrixos offered the ram at the Temple of the God Zeus and gave Aietes the Golden Fleece. Aietes nailed it to an oak and had a dragon guard it, as he had been told that he would only live as long as he possessed the fleece.

The young hero Jason, another king's son, had an uncle who had stolen his throne. The uncle promised to give him back his throne, if he brought him the Golden Fleece. Jason agreed and went off with the Argonauts. In a great adventure, he stole the Golden Fleece. The uncle, however, did not keep his promise so that Jason did not succeed in getting his throne back.

Following Jason's heroic act, the Christian knightly Order of the Golden Fleece was founded almost 600 years ago. The knights of the community pledged to fight for the Catholic faith, the protection of the church and the knightly honour. When the age of knights had ended, the emperor granted membership and the badge of the order as a reward for special merits.



**Find the two people  
who are wearing the order!**

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### 3. A Soup Dish of Meissen Porcelain

In the exhibition, there is a precious tureen of Meissen porcelain – a soup dish. Take a close look at the tureen.

**Which animals and legendary figures from the water world do you recognise?**

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### 4. A Fortress View by Canaletto



At the back wall of the exhibition room, you can find a large picture by Canaletto. In the centre there is Magdalene's Castle, the building where you are now. It used to look different.

**a) Which building does the tower on the right of Magdalene's Castle belong to?**

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**b) There are some tourists in the picture. Find them!**

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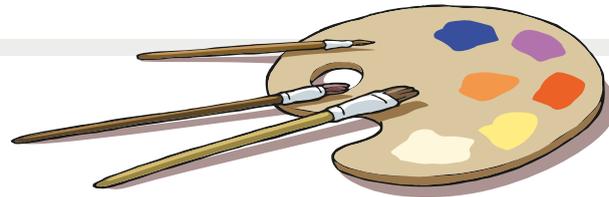
### 5. A French Painter

In the exhibition, pictures of five famous women are shown: two queens, two court ladies and a lady painter.

**Find the lady painter! How many brushes is she holding in her hands?**

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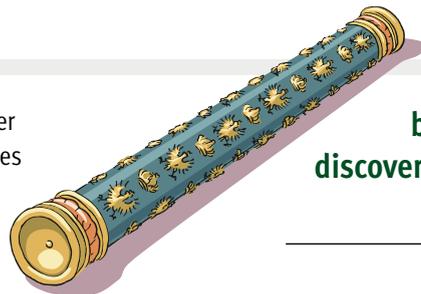
Louise-Élisabeth Vigée-Lebrun was French. She painted many pictures of European noble people. That was extraordinary at a time when women were expected to mainly take care of their children and the household.



When the revolution broke out in France, Louise-Élisabeth had to leave her home for many years. As the queen's painter, her life was in danger. Therefore she started to travel and also visited Königstein Fortress.

### 6. Marshal's Baton

A marshal is the highest officer in the army, even higher than a general. So that everyone can see that, he carries a marshal's baton at special occasions. The baton of a Prussian field marshal is shown in a display. It is covered with sky blue velvet and decorated with golden royal crowns and the eagle.



**b) In which pictures can you discover other marshal's batons?**

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**a) Find the baton and the painting it is in!**

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