

The background of the poster is a dark blue night sky with several tan-colored parachutes descending. Below the sky is a brown, stylized illustration of the Sainte-Mère-Eglise church and its surrounding buildings. The church has a prominent bell tower with a clock face. The title 'Airborne Museum' is written in a large, white, cursive font, and 'Sainte-Mère-Eglise' is written below it in a similar but slightly smaller font.

Airborne Museum

Sainte-Mère-Eglise

Visit the museum
with Albert!



Educational notebook
9 to 11 years old



Your last name :

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Your first name :

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Your age :

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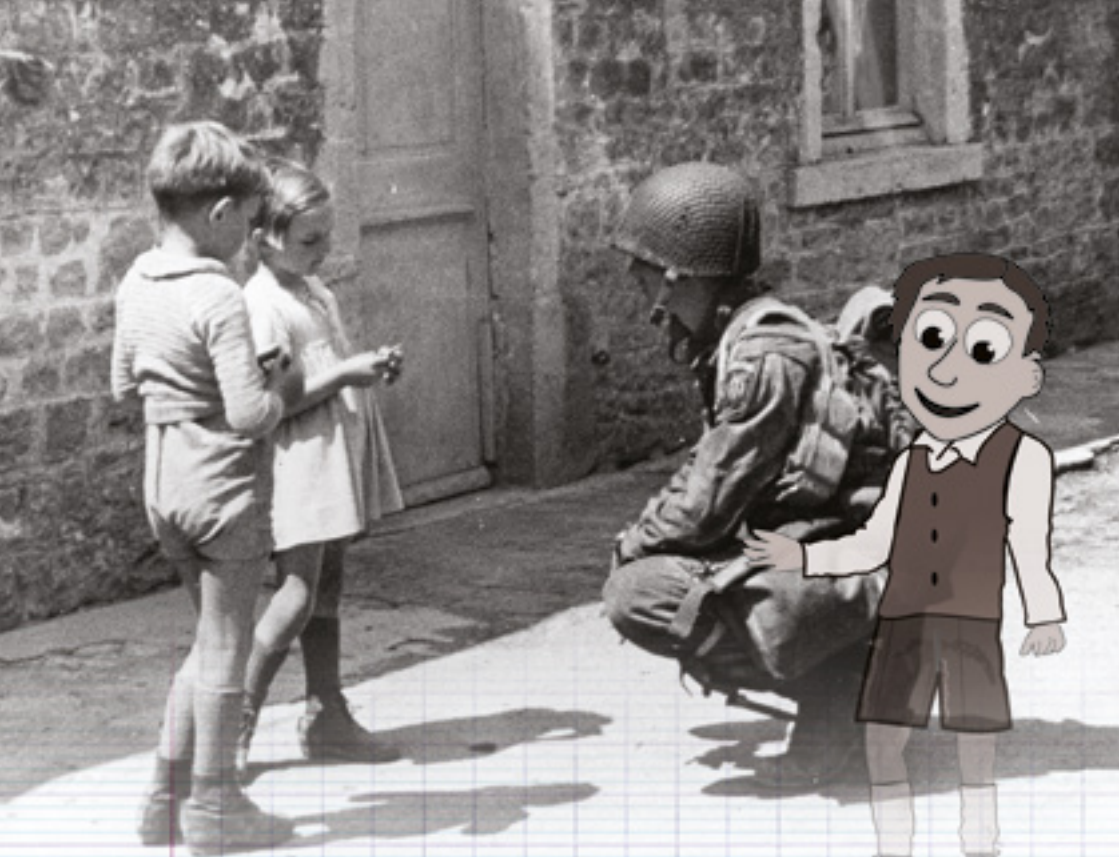
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Visit guide
9 to 11 years old



Hello and welcome to the Airborne Museum !



My name's Albert.
I was 10 in 1944, when
the american soldiers arrived
in Sainte-Mère-Eglise.
I will guide you through
your visit.





This way !



You're here !

Pay attention to the colors to know where you are !

Before visiting . . .



Historical reminder :

German leader Hitler wants to make France and Europe german territories. He attacks France in 1939. In 1940, after a «blitzkrieg», France loses the fight, and part of it gets occupied by Germany. The other part, the France of Vichy, is lead by Marechal Petain, who **collaborates*** with Germany.

General De Gaulle wants to free France. He found refuge in England and calls the French to **resist*** by keeping on fighting. (Appeal of 18 june 1940).

Thousands of American, English, Canadians... soldiers gather in England to train in order to free France from Germany. They're under the command of General Eisenhower.



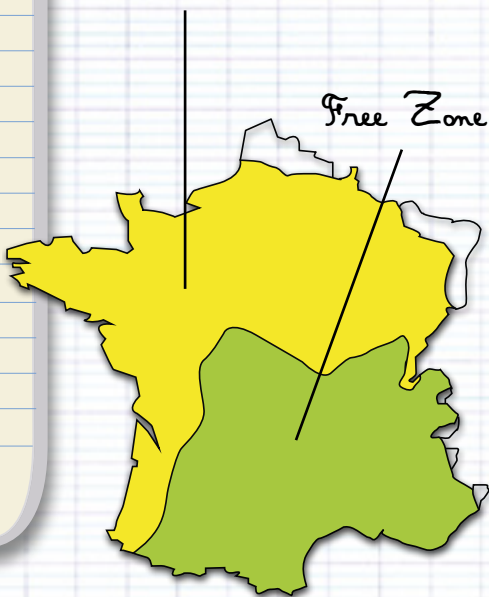
Collaboration is the cooperation with the german occupant between 1940 et 1945.



The resistance is the gathering of those who're up against the german forces in France. Resistants fight against Germans while hiding. They could otherwise be killed !

German
occupied zone

Free Zone



1. With everything you just read and your knowledge, link each character to the matching words



Eisenhower



Hitler



De Gaulle

Occupation -
Germany

Resistance

Liberation -
allies



On June 6 1944, the **Allies*** land in Normandy. Codename: **OPERATION OVERLORD.**

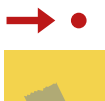
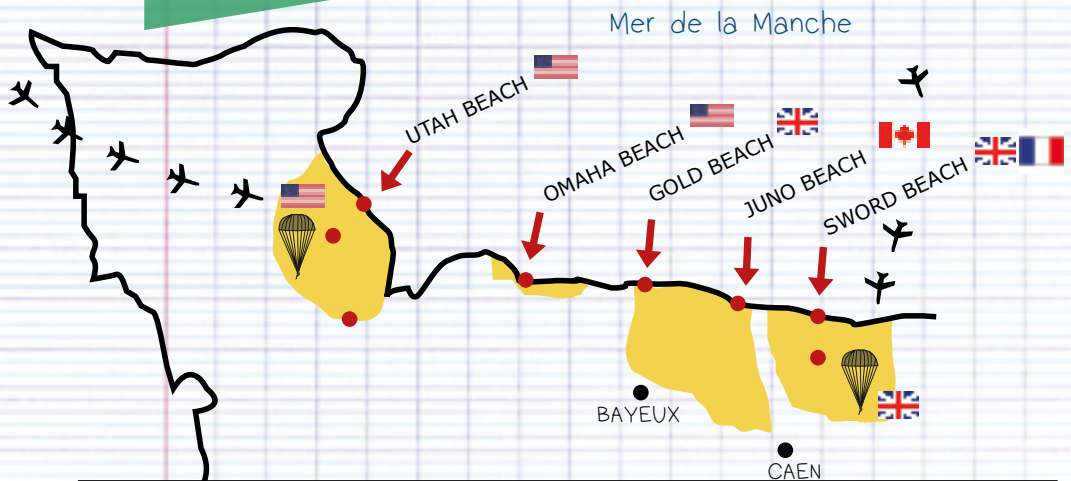


The Allies are the countries and soldiers standing up against Germany.

2. Americans arrived in Normandy both by sea and air. Can you guess how the first soldiers came to Sainte-Mère-Eglise?

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Then, locate and circle Sainte-Mère-Eglise on the map.



Zones de débarquement maritime

Avancée des troupes au soir du 6 juin



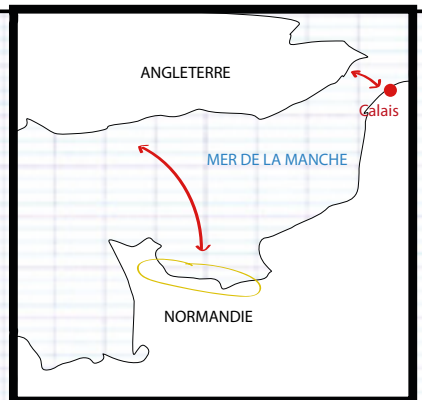
Zones de parachutage



Avions C-47 larguant les parachutistes



Normandy is chosen to make the landing because its large beaches allow a massive landing of both men and equipment. Normandy's also way less defended than other coastal areas. Germans think a landing will happen in Calais, due to its proximity with England.



WACO BUILDING

3 . The gliders were used to bring soldiers, supplies, weapons, but also equipment such as the military vehicle you can see near the entrance.

What's this vehicle called?

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4 . What's the name of the glider you can see?

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5 . Find a beverage brought by the American soldiers in 1944, still on the market to this day, in the display cases.

What's its name ?

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6 . Locate this item in the room :

Who wore these military plaques ?

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What was their use ?

- To know the soldier's identity (and other information)
- They indicate the soldiers' missions
- They're gifted to french women

7 . Once on the bridge, continue the drawing of the glider :



I had started this drawing in 1944 . The gliders were landing in our fields !

8 . During your visit, you'll see these two badges on the soldiers' uniforms. Once you found the panel housing these badges, complete the following sentence :



The _____st and _____nd **airborne divisions*** landed in Sainte-Mère-Eglise, Carentan and nearby areas.



An airborne division is a group of soldiers transported by aircraft and parachuted, or landing by glider.

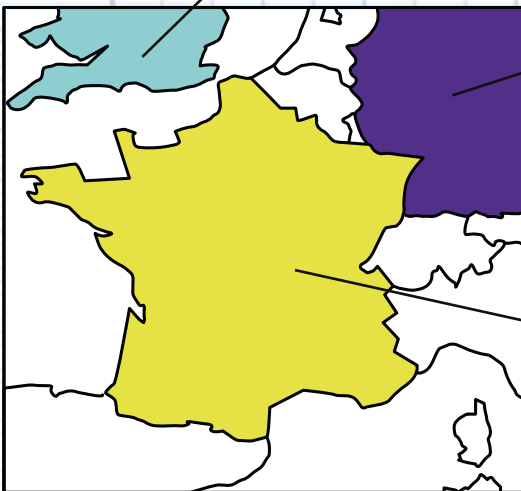
C-47 BUILDING

9 . You can see a Douglas C-47 plane. A nickname's painted on its nose. Can you tell what's its name?



On June 5 44, it's the Landing's eve.
After long training, the ally troops are
ready to leave for Normandy in order to
free France.

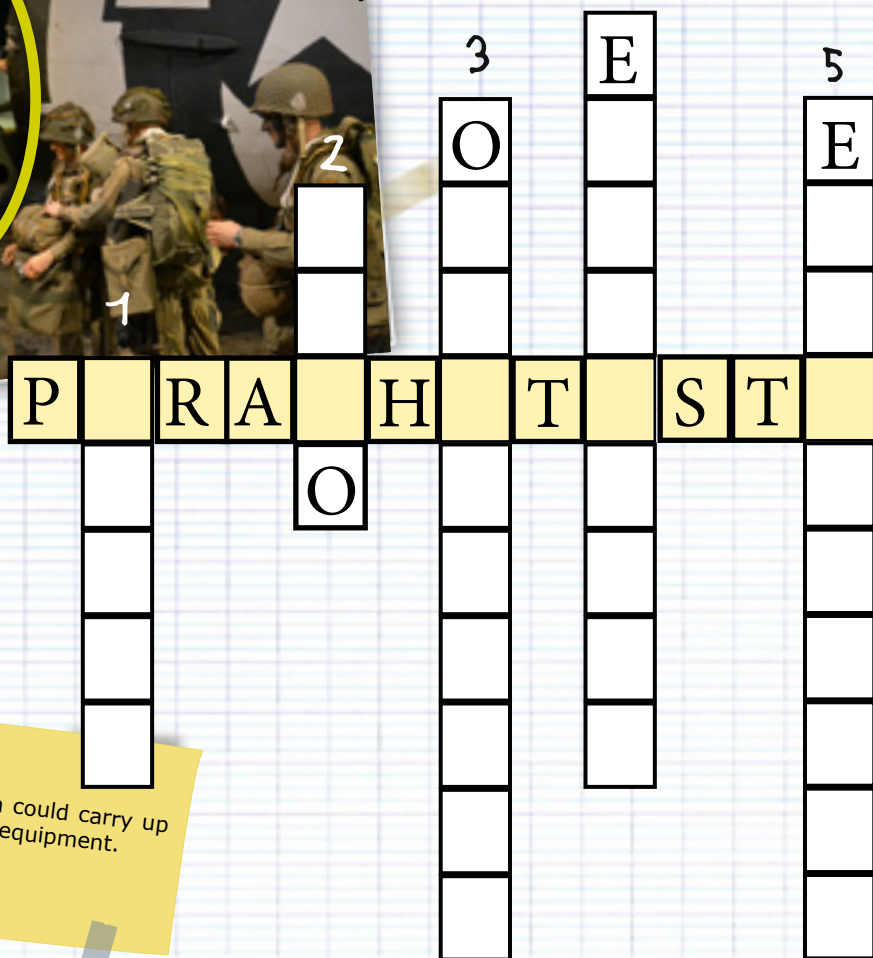
10 . Locate **ENGLAND** (country from which the Americans leave for the landing), **FRANCE** (country under German occupation) and **GERMANY** (country who invaded France). Circle **Normandy**. It's where the ally soldiers will land.



11. Look at the photo. This scene takes place near the plane. It's the night of the **5th to 6th june 1944**, and the soldiers are getting ready to board the C-47 to go fight in Normandy. They'll be more than 13 000 to parachute jump. This particular soldier climbing the plane ladder is a...?



Find the scene at the end of the path ! 4



These men could carry up to 60kg of equipment.

Clues :

1 : The **101st airborne**'s logo represents an animal.
Which one?

2 : It's the name of the **glider** you've seen in the first building.

3 : From **1940 on**, the Germans are going to settle in France, it's the O.....

4 : They're the first to land in Normandy. They're the

5 : He's the Operation Overlord's commander in chief.



The cinema will give you the answer!

12 .

Go upstairs with an adult. You'll see the C-47 from the top down and be able to experience a virtual parachute jump!

From the right wingtip to the left wingtip, the aircraft's 321,5 yards long!



After the cinema, you can see dolls, one of them being tied to a parachute!



These «Rupert» dolls have been parachuted in different areas in order to fool the Germans. In the night of the 5th to 6th June, 500 dolls are dropped in Normandy, confusing the Germans, who thought they were real parachutists.

13. A huge **disinformation** operation was set up south of England. By looking at the cartoons and videos, you see that numerous deceptions were designed to fool the enemy. Which ones?

Fake trucks

Straw soldiers

Camp painted on the ground

Inflatable tanks



«OPERATION NEPTUNE» BUILDING



The «Operation Neptune» is the codename referring to the first assault following the Ally Landing in Normandy..

Let's go and experience the events of June 6th 1944 and the Battle of Normandy !



The 6 june date was chosen according to tidal and moonlight conditions, in order to facilitate operations. 5th and 7th june also matched the criterias. The landing was supposed to take place on the 5th but a storm pushed D-Day 24h back !

As soon as you see John le radio on these panels, you'll get more information !

14 . On the panel at the end of the corridor, find two of the main missions assigned to the soldiers of the 82nd and 101st airborne divisions :

- Control specific road and bridges
- Free Bayeux and Caen
- Prevent Germans from reaching the coast
- Warn civilians that war was about to break out

Answer the following questions in the first two rooms after the plane !

15 . You've landed in SME, it's 6 june 1944. From what you've read, seen or felt, tick each valid answer (only one in each line):

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| <input type="radio"/> It's daytime | <input type="radio"/> It's nighttime |
| <input type="radio"/> A house is burning and Germans are there | <input type="radio"/> It's calm and the Germans are gone |
| <input type="radio"/> All the soldiers land in the right place | <input type="radio"/> Soldiers get lost and drown in the swamps flooded by the Germans |

16. In your opinion, at that moment, what did the soldiers look like?

17 . Before going to the church room, find the display dedicated to John Steele. You can see all of his medals there.

What happened to him ?.....

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Continue on the path to answer the following questions :

18 . Tick the right answer(s) :

Dans la bataille de Normandie, les soldats ont traversé différents paysages (2 réponses correctes) :

- ☐ The swamps
- ☐ The forest
- ☐ The desert
- ☐ The fields surrounded by hedges

For the american soldiers, these landscapes were :

- ☐ An advantage
- ☐ A hinderance

Why ? (Explain your point of view for both landscapes) :

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It's going to take longer than they thought for soldiers to carry out their missions !

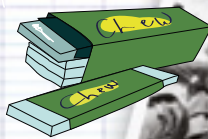
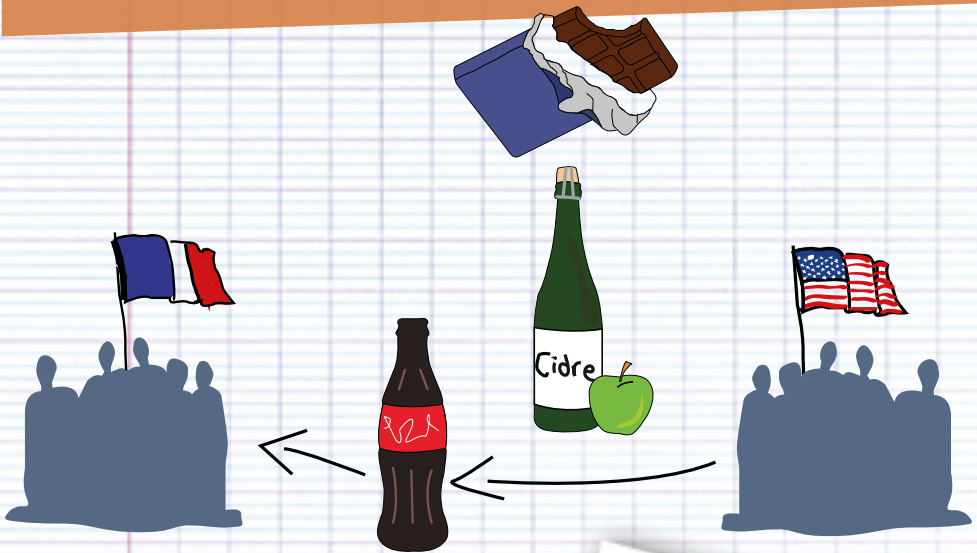




Continue your visit. For the next question, find the information on the panel dedicated to the civilians:

19 . Same way as for Coca Cola, link the products with their origin country.

(Example: French discover Coca Cola thanks to the Americans)



Despite the destructions and the high number of civilians casualties, the soldiers are warmly welcomed ! And they always will be !





Many young soldiers died to free France !
Thanks to them , we live in a free
country !

20 . Everything you learned today took place in 1944. How
long was that ago? (Calculate with the notebook).

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Current year

Landing year

2 _ _ _

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21 . Do you know people of that age, or more ?

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You can ask them (or their parents)
about what it was like at that time.



22 . After your visit, draw what you liked the most.



Why ?

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*Head to the last
building to watch
the movie !*



*I hope you enjoyed your
visit !*

See you soon at the Airborne Museum !

