

THE FORMIDABLE

A HEROIC ADVENTURE
FOR YOUNG VISITORS

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INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM
OF THE REFORMATION

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SUPERCALVIN, SUPERTHEO, SUPERFAREL AND SUPERKNOX ARE FOUR FRIENDS WHO LIVED IN GENEVA IN THE 16TH CENTURY, SHORTLY BEFORE A FAMOUS EVENT, WHICH PEOPLE IN GENEVA NOWADAYS CELEBRATE BY SMASHING A CHOCOLATE CAULDRON:

THE E ☐ ☐ ☐ L ☐ ☐ E!

AT THE TIME, OUR SUPERHEROES WERE VIEWED AS REBELS, BECAUSE THEIR IDEAS WERE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.*

THEY WERE CALLED REFORMERS* AND THEY FOUNDED PROTESTANTISM.*
THE WORD PROTESTANT SOUNDS LIKE THE VERB TO P ☐ ☐ T ☐ ST

BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS READY TO ACCEPT THEIR IDEAS.
BESIDES, THEY OFTEN DIDN'T EVEN AGREE WITH EACH OTHER!

Ready to fly away with our superheroes and discover their superpowers? Go to Room 3!

*These words are explained in the glossary at the end of the booklet.



ROOM 3 – POLEMIC

FOUR OF THE FIVE SUPERHEROES APPEAR IN THE FIRST MODEL.
WHICH ONE IS MISSING?

Find his portrait in the Grand Salon (Room 4) and circle it in your booklet.

SuperFarel knows some magic words that have the power to persuade. He uses this superpower to convince SuperCalvin to turn Geneva into a Protestant* city.

SUPERFAREL HAS A GIFT FOR PUBLIC
SPEAKING, HE IS KNOWN AS A GOOD

Fill in the missing word by solving the riddle!

My first is the 15th letter of the alphabet
My second looks like a big mouse
My third is in torch and also in born
My whole is one of SuperFarel's superpowers

Now go to Room 5: SuperCalvin is waiting for you!



ROOM 5 – BARBIER-MUELLER

Look up, and you will see SuperCalvin striking a particular pose, which you can see elsewhere in the Museum. Count how many times as you continue your adventure!

Why do you think SuperCalvin is so famous in Geneva?

- ☐ Because he opened the first chocolate factory in the city
- ☐ Because he taught theology* in front of hundreds of students
- ☐ Because he started a fashion for long beards

SuperCalvin has an incredible memory and can do a thousand things at once.

But our superhero isn't perfect: he has a few faults.

Which faults do you think he has? Circle them!

He is:

ARROGANT

LAZY

IRRITABLE

STRICT

GREEDY

IMPATIENT

COWARDLY

Visit SuperCalvin's fortified city in Room 6!



ROOM 6 – CALVIN AND GENEVA



You have now arrived in the city of Geneva. It used to be much smaller than it is today: look at map no. 18.

At that time, wars of religion* were raging in several European countries. Many refugees fleeing religious intolerance* in France, Italy, England or Holland arrived in Geneva. It wasn't easy to find room for all these people! Find out how the city grew by SLOWLY turning the handle on the model.

SuperCalvin's best friend is called SuperTheo. He loves to read, and especially to write. He wrote more than 3000 letters!

FIND THE LETTER HE WROTE. IT IS ADDRESSED TO A SWISS REFORMER* CALLED: _____

THERE IS A SMALL BLACK AND WHITE PICTURE OF SUPERTHEO IN THIS ROOM. LOOK CAREFULLY: CAN YOU SPOT THE OBJECT HE USED TO WRITE HIS LETTERS AND SECRET SENTENCES? IT'S A _____

Find and cross out all the words in the square to discover SuperTheo's favourite magic word:

R	S	S	G	E	N	E	V	A
E	E	M	C	U	P	C	R	A
F	O	U	A	T	E	H	D	L
O	R	S	L	S	L	U	R	A
R	E	I	V	E	B	R	A	F
M	H	C	I	T	I	C	E	A
E	P	S	N	O	B	H	B	R
R	A	R	I	R	T	U	M	E
S	T	N	E	P	R	E	S	L

Beard
Bible
Calvin
Church
Farel
Geneva

Heroes
Music
Protest
Reformers
Serpent

Magic word: _____

Our superheroes' superpowers can be dangerous if not properly used. When SuperTheo says his magic word, people or objects sometimes fall down!

IF YOU HAD A SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE? _____



ROOM 7 – MUSIC

SuperFarel and SuperCalvin have an English friend, SuperKnox. He is famous for his scary "trumpet call"!

SuperKnox blew too hard in his trumpet, and now it's all bent out of shape.

Find it in the music room. What is it called?

- ☐ a church blunderbuss
- ☐ a church seahorse
- ☐ a church serpent

This instrument was played in churches to accompany singing. It was later replaced by the organ.*

Use this space to draw your own super-powerful instrument!



ROOM 7 – MUSIC

Music is very important for our four superheroes, and they love to sing together. You can hear some of their favourite tunes in the Music Room.

WHAT SUPERPOWERS DO YOU THINK MUSIC HAS? _____

ROOM 4 – THE GRAND SALON

When you walk back through the Grand Salon, look carefully at the paintings. Find the fly in the portrait of our fifth superhero, SuperLuther.

WHY DO YOU THINK THE ARTIST PAINTED A FLY ON HIS HAND? _____

Continue to Room 8 for a superpower boost from SuperLuther!



ROOM 8 – THE BANQUET



SuperLuther lives in Germany and is considered the first reformer.* He loves to eat and drink; people say he is a "bon vivant". Find him amongst the medals.

SUPERLUTHER HAS A MAGIC POTION THAT CAN MAKE YOU INVINCIBLE AND GIVE YOU A HINT FOR THE REST OF YOUR ADVENTURE:

WHAT DO YOU CALL THE PLACE WHERE IT IS ALWAYS HOT, IT RARELY RAINS AND THERE ARE DROMEDARIES?

Now fly away to Room 9!

ROOM 9 – THE REFUGE

You are now in France, not far from Geneva. In the 17th century, Protestants * had to meet in secret to practice their religion. *

THEIR MEETINGS WERE CALLED " [REDACTED] ASSEMBLIES".

Remember SuperLuther's hint, or find engraving no. 11.

THE BIBLE * IS THE FAVOURITE BOOK OF OUR FIVE SUPERHEROES.
IN THE 17TH CENTURY, FRENCH PROTESTANTS* HAD ALL SORTS OF SECRET PLACES TO HIDE THEIR BIBLES. CAN YOU FIND THE ONE HIDDEN IN THIS ROOM? IT'S IN THE F [REDACTED] PL [REDACTED].

WHERE ARE YOUR SECRET HIDING PLACES? [REDACTED]

Now go to the last room (Room 10)!

ROOM 10 – THE REFORMATION IN THE 19TH CENTURY

SUPERCALVIN DUPLICATED HIMSELF, BUT HE HAS TWO COPYCATS.

WHO ARE THEY? [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED]

Hint: a statue and a painting

HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU SEE SUPERCALVIN POINTING TO THE SKY?

[REDACTED] TIMES



Congratulations, you have reached the end of your adventure!
You can also spot four of our superheroes not far from the Museum: on the Reformation Wall in Parc des Bastions!
Goodbye, and see you again soon for a new super adventure!

ANSWERS

The Formidable 5
The Escalade / Protest

Room 3
SuperFarel
(Guillaume Farel) /
Orator (O-RAT-OR)



Room 5
Because he taught theology in
front of hundreds of students /
Irritable, impatient, strict

Room 6
Heinrich Bullinger / A quill /
Supralapsaritum!

R	S	S	G	E	N	E	V	A
E	E	M	C	U	P	C	R	A
F	O	U	A	T	E	H	D	L
O	R	S	L	S	L	U	R	A
R	E	I	V	E	B	R	A	F
M	H	C	I	T	I	C	E	A
E	P	S	N	O	B	H	B	R
R	A	R	I	R	T	U	M	E
S	T	N	E	P	R	E	S	L

Room 7
A church serpent

Room 4
Flies appear in many portraits from the
15th century. The fly represents sickness
and death, and reminds us that life is
short and fragile.

Room 8
A desert

Room 9
Desert / Fireplace

Room 10
SuperLuther (Martin Luther)
and Antoine Froment / 5 times

GLOSSARY

Bible: a book containing a selection of writings considered sacred by Jews and Christians

Catholic Church: a Christian church that recognises the pope as its head

Intolerance: the state of mind of people who refuse to accept opinions and beliefs that are different from theirs

Organ: a powerful wind instrument used in churches; it is often very large

Protestant: a person who follows Protestantism

Protestantism: a Christian church founded by Martin Luther and John Calvin, who thought that life should be based on the Bible

Reformer: a person who wants to introduce new ways of thinking and new beliefs

Refugee: a person who flees their home country to find safety elsewhere

Religion: a set of religious beliefs and practices shared by a group of people

Theology: the study of religion and sacred texts

Wars of religion: a series of wars between Protestants and Catholics that took place in Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries

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