Fantastic Faces

SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM LONDON

1 **Welcome to Sir John Soane's Museum! Everything here is old and precious, even the floors and walls. Please be careful and touch as little as possible.** ***Fold this page in 4.***

2 FIND ME

Library-Dining Room (2)

Ask a guide if you need help finding the room.

This is a portrait painting of Sir John Soane and you are standing in his house. He worked as an architect and designed many important buildings in London. When he died, he asked that his home be turned into a museum. Now everyone can visit his home and see the amazing things inside.

3 FIND ME

Library-Dining Room (2)

Soane filled his house with drawings, statues, paintings, books and other incredible objects. Many are linked to his work as an architect, but some are simply things he liked. He collected busts of people that interested him. This bust is of the French general Napoleon Bonaparte. Can you find 14 more busts in this room?

4 FIND ME

No. 13 Breakfast Room (30)

Soane also kept paintings of the family dog, named Fanny. Can you find both paintings of her? Can you also see a small painting of Napoleon and more busts in this room?

5 FIND ME

Basement Ante Room (13)

Soane collected a small plaster model of an original ancient statue. The photograph on this trail actually shows the original which is over two meters tall and held in the Vatican Museums. Many objects that Soane collected are plaster copies of ancient originals so that he could display and study them in the comfort of his own home.

The statue shows a father named Laocoön and his two sons being attacked by snakes that had slithered out of the sea. It is a scene from a famous ancient Greek story about a long war between the Greeks and the Trojans who lived in the city of Troy.

Match the faces of Laocoön's sons to two busts on the table nearby.

6 FIND ME

Crypt (10)

This is a statue of Britannia designed by John Flaxman, a friend of Soane. He entered it into a competition to design a monument for the British victories against Napoleon. It is another smaller version of a much bigger statue, but the bigger one was never built! Can you see the tiny steps at the base and the little door at the back?

Many human and animal faces are hidden on the monument. How many different types of animals can you find as you continue your visit?