



Stop 1

The Fruit Market

The old fruit market was built in the early 1800s and is now known as Merchant Square.



Can you find the bowl of fruit on top?

Find the fruit starting with the letter G, what is it?

What other kinds of fruit can you see?



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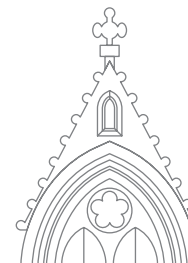
Ramshorn Theatre

This spooky church has stood here since 1724 and is named after the Ramshorn Lands it is built on. During the 1800s the church graveyard was known to be pillaged by medical students who would dig up the bodies for ghastly experiments.

Find the carved slabs on the pavement outside the Ramshorn Church and identify the current silhouette of the building.



What date is written underneath it?

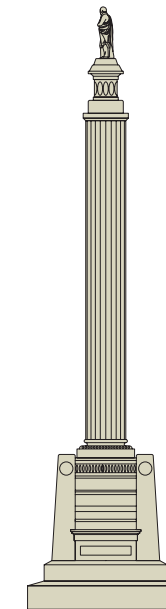


Stop 3

The Walter Scott Monument



This monument was built in 1837 and is an impressive 80 foot high. The monument depicts Scottish poet and writer Sir Walter Scott. This was the first monument in Scotland to commemorate him.



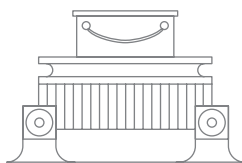
Can you see carvings of an animals face at the base of the monument?

What animal is it?

How many carvings of the animal are there?

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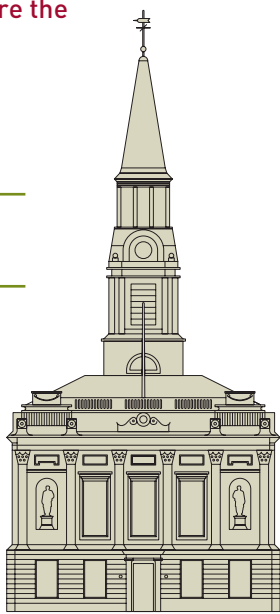
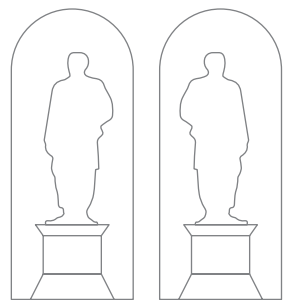
Hutchesons



The original Hutchesons' Hospital was erected in 1660 and originally stood at the Trongate until it was demolished in 1795. Hutchesons' reopened on this site in 1805 as a school for orphaned boys.

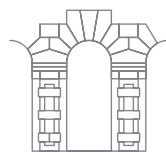
The two statues at the front are the founders of the hospital.

What are their names?



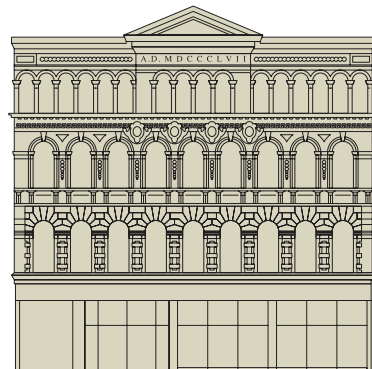
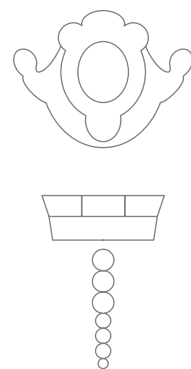
Stop 5

The Panopticon



This building has hosted many different acts; creepy freak shows, dancing animals, variety acts, wonderful wax works and other various oddities. Can you guess what this building was used for?

Go inside to discover what this building was used for!

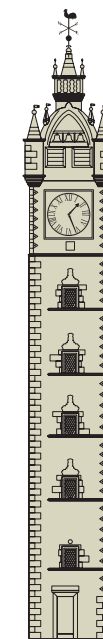
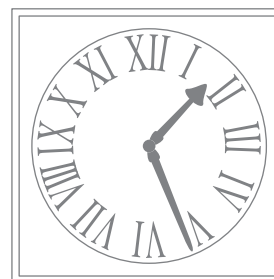


Stop 6

Tolbooth Steeple

The Tollbooth Steeple was built between 1625-26 and is one of the oldest buildings in the whole city. This building was a place where public hangings and other gruesome punishments were carried out to badly behaved criminals!

What colour is the clock face?



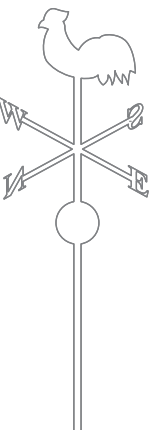
Stay safe!

The Tolbooth is situated on a traffic island at a busy junction.

Please do not cross over onto the island.

Stop 7

St Andrews in The Square



This was the place to be in the 1800s! The church used to charge a fee to enter all church services to ensure that any working class riff raff were not able to attend.

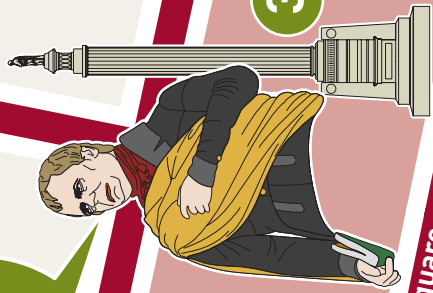
Go down the stairs to the café.

Can you guess what the café used to be?





I was a celebrated writer and could be blamed for making tartan and bagpipes cool in the Nineteenth Century.

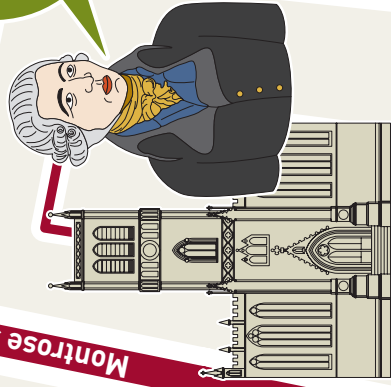


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MERCHANT CITY Kids Trail



The Merchant City gained its wealth from trading exotic goods from all over the world through a port on the River Clyde.



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You could come here to snack on a piece of fruit while listening to the likes of the famous Charles Dickens!



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I was caught stealing and now I'm in the stocks!



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I went to school here but it has also been a bank, a library and is now a restaurant.

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I used to tread the boards here ... the crowd was always noisy and sometimes smelt like wee. If your act was bad the crowd would throw rotten veg to chase you off stage.



5

In the early Nineteenth century fashionable couples could be seen wandering around the square.



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Are you ready for a trip around Merchant city? You'll need this map and a pen or pencil. Merchant city has a very colourful past and many interesting buildings and monuments that each have an interesting story. Use this map to navigate the streets and find the answers to the questions. Your trip can take up to 1 hour. Once you've been around Merchant City, come back to Glasgow City Heritage Trust and we'll stamp your trail here →

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