

Cinquantenaire Museum visit



On Tuesday 17 December 2012, Latinists of S3fra, frb and frc went to the Musée du Cinquantenaire in Brussels to visit the Chypre, carrefour de la Méditerranée exhibition.

Two Latin quotes greet the visitor : «artes odit nemo nisi ignarus » and « historia majorum gloriam colit ». If you don't understand what these mean, check the note at the end of this article!*

We walked through the different rooms, quiz form in hand. There were four themes in total: the birth of an island (the opportunity to study geography as well!), the role played

by the sea (with a documentary about underwater archaeology – we saw the precision needed to be a good archaeologist!), cultural exchange (we saw different types of alphabet carved on very old stones: some still need to be deciphered, in case you are interested!) and religion.

There were many different civilizations during the Antiquity: the Latins, of course but also the Greeks, the Phenicians, the Cretes, the Assyrians, the Egyptians, etc. And all these civilizations influenced each other – not unlike a big school with many different nationalities...

*Only an ignorant hates the arts.

*The richness of traditions inherited from our ancestors only lives through the the worship of history.