This guide to *Paris 1900: City of Entertainment* will introduce you to French language and culture and give you some fun activities to complete during and after your visit! You will learn some French words and how to say them. You will also discover major landmarks of the city and study works of art that millions of visitors to Paris also saw in 1900. This was a time known as *La Belle Époque* (la bell e-POCK), or The Beautiful Era. The city was prosperous—full of arts, culture, tourists, and technology—kind of like Nashville is today!
Just as tourists in the capital of France now look forward to seeing *la tour Eiffel* (lah tore ee-FELL), or the Eiffel Tower, so did visitors to the International Exposition of 1900. Built between 1887 and 1889, the Eiffel Tower stands over one thousand feet tall. It is *très magnifique* (TREH mahn-e-FEEK), or very magnificent!

Have you seen the Eiffel Tower in person? Can you find a picture of it in this exhibition? Connect the dots below to make a picture of the entire structure.
HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?

The artworks in this exhibition feature many subjects and are made from many different materials. See which ones you can find, and count them all up in French!

Can you find something made with…

algue (ALG), or seaweed?
soie (SWAH), or silk?
verre (VEHR), or glass?
fourrure (Foorur), or fur?
marbre (MAHR-brr), or marble?

How many can you find?

chevaux (CHEV-oh), or horses
vélos (VELL-oh), or bikes
chapeaux (shap-OH), or hats
vases (VAHZ), or vases
danseuses (dance-UHZ), or dancers
animaux (AN-ee-mo), or animals

French Numbers
1 - un (un)
2 - deux (doh)
3 - trois (trwah)
4 - quatre (catr)
5 - cinq (saink)
6 - six (cease)
7 - sept (set)
8 - huit (weet)
9 - neuf (nuff)
10 - dix (dease)

Can you say it in French?

J’ai trouvé ____________________________ !
(JAY TROO-veh) For example,
J’ai trouvé dix animaux!, or I found ten animals!
Visitors to the Palace of Optics at the Exposition were able to view the moon through a telescope that made it look like it was only forty-six miles away! That’s less than the distance between Nashville and Clarksville! The moon is also featured in the early film *A Trip to the Moon* by Georges Méliès, on view in *Paris 1900*. Here are some fun facts about the moon, and a place for you to draw its face.

**MOON FACTS**

The moon is over 4.5 billion years old!
It orbits the Earth from a distance of over 250,000 miles!
It is NOT made from *fromage* (*fro-MAHJ*), or cheese.
Only one side of the moon ever faces the Earth.
The first spacecraft landed there in 1959.
Only 12 people have walked on the moon!

*C'est super, non?* (*Seh su-PPEAR, noh?), or It’s super, no?
Beautiful, detailed fans were a popular luxury item in 1900. In addition to serving as a practical way to cool off, fans could be made of expensive materials that indicated wealth. Many were decorated in the latest style, art nouveau (art nu-VOE), or new art, which borrowed shapes from nature.

How will you design a fan to use on your visit to Paris?

Shall we move on to the next activity? Allons-ý! (AL-ons ZEE!), or Let’s go!
A Trip to the Moon by Georges Méliès was one of the earliest movies ever made. Audiences had never seen moving images before and were sometimes scared by what was happening on screen. These early films show us how much creativity was needed to produce such works. After watching some of the movie, use the French phrases below as you write your review!

Génial! (ZHAY-nyal), or Great! Brilliant!
Très bien / très bien fait (TREH bian / TREH bian Feh), or Very good / well done.
Très intéressant! (TREH Zin-tear-eh-SAN), or How interesting!
Très belle (TREH bell), or Very beautiful.
Terrible! (tear-EEBL!), or Terrible!
J’aime ça! (JEHM sah!), or I like it!
Je n’aime pas ça (juh NEHM pah sah), or I don’t like it.
Merci! (mehr-SEE), or Thank you, for visiting the exhibition Paris 1900: City of Entertainment. We hope you learned a lot about the city, the artwork of the time, and maybe even some French words you can start to use, oui?

Continue your experience on the Upper Level in Martin ArtQuest, where you can create your own souvenir of your visit and learn about how Nashville's Centennial Exposition of 1897 compares with Paris's International Exposition of 1900.

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This Family Self-Guide is intended as a fun way to introduce visitors to the French language. As such, the pronunciation tips are not presented using the formal, phonetic style. If you are inspired to perfect your French language skills, there are many resources available in your local library and online that can help you reach this goal.

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