



THE BAR CONVENT

Living Heritage Centre

Welcome to the Bar Convent - the oldest living convent in England. This trail will take you around our Exhibition, where you can learn all about England during the Reformation: a world of secrecy and spies...

Why did Henry VIII want to divorce his first wife?

Look inside the keyholes and describe one of the pictures.



Head over to the portrait of Sir Thomas More. Why was he executed?

Why were Catholics and priests considered traitors?

Turn left and you will see our short film about the history of the Convent. Turn the wheel to start the film...

What name did Frances Bedingfield use to buy the original building?

Why did she need to do this?



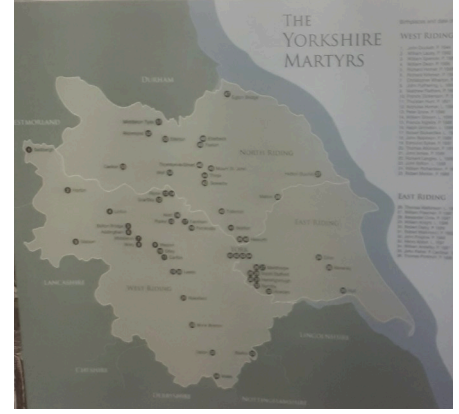
Find this lady's picture shown nearby. Who is she?

How many times was she put in prison in York Castle? Circle the right answer.

1 / 2 / 3 / 4

Why did she refuse to plead guilty or not guilty?

Find this map of Yorkshire Martyrs.



Whose bones are in the six-sided glass case to the right of the map?

What happened to both those people?

Next, find this headboard and hidden altar.



What is a recusant?

How could women help keep the Catholic faith at home?

Head upstairs and find this panel in the display,



Who is this person?

When did she make her journey?

Write down three things that made her journey remarkable.

Take a look at the paintings displayed above the stairs.



You can use our interactive board to look at the pictures in more detail.

How many artists were involved in creating the Mary Ward paintings?

What was Mary Ward's vision?



Walk into the middle of the room.

What did Mary Ward use to write secret letters?

Why was her order so controversial?

Go to the green wall.

How much money did Sir Thomas Gascoigne give?

Which nun had to turn down a marriage proposal?

Move to the next room, down the steps.

Can you name three subjects young girls learned at school?

What was the school used for during the World War 1? (WW1, between 1914 -1918)





Can you find the Arma Christi Scroll?

What language is the Arma Christi written in?

What was it used for?

How many are there in the world?

Go through the door to the Gregory Gallery.
Look at the timeline.

What year was the hidden chapel built?

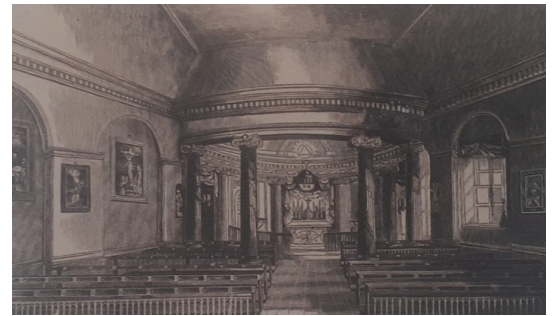
What was the Roman Catholic Relief act? What year was it?

Write down three things you've learned that you didn't know before.

1.

2.

3.



Make sure you visit the Chapel when you have finished your museum visit! Exit at the door past the library and follow the corridor round.