

# MY BALESTIER

## HERITAGE TRAIL BOOK



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# BALESTIER MAP

## This is Nurul.

She is curious about Balestier. She asked her friends Tony and Muthu to explore the area with her.

*Come join them on this exciting journey!*



**START**

NOVENA  
MRT STATION  
(650M)

**FUN  
FACT**

Balestier was once known by more than 6 different names in various dialects and languages.

**Goh Chor  
Tua Pek Kong  
Temple**

**END**



# MAKING SUGAR

Tony recalled the stories his father had shared about how sugar was made from sugarcane plantations. They were wet, swampy areas that were scary to work in because of the many tigers that used to hunt!



Balestier was once Singapore's thriving sugarcane estate, producing up to 2,700kg of sugar a day (that's about 270 bags of rice!)

## Look at the tiger

The stripes on the tiger below spell another name for Balestier in Hokkien. Can you spot what it is?



# SUN YAT SEN NANYANG MEMORIAL HALL

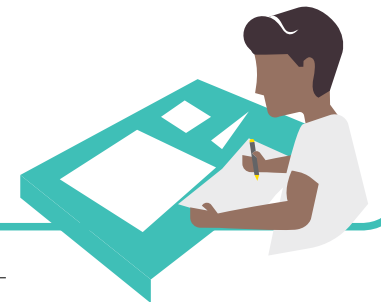
Muthu spotted a beautiful villa and they walked closer to have a look.

"It's a museum! There must be many interesting stories and objects in there," he said. "Let's go!"



## What do you see?

Draw your favourite object from the museum here!



Dr Sun Yat Sen had many friends such as the "Prominent Trio" who greatly supported his efforts. Explore the galleries and find out who they are!

PASTE YOUR  
ADMISSION STICKER  
HERE AT THE END  
OF YOUR VISIT.

# TRADITIONAL SHOPHOUSES

@ 412-418 BALESTIER ROAD

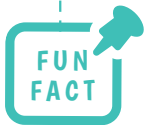


After leaving the museum, Nurul and her friends came across a street of old shophouses. "Wow! Traditional food!" exclaimed a hungry Tony.



## Identify the dishes sold along Balestier Road

Match the illustrations to their names:



Look out for carvings of Sikh men on this row of shophouses!



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- KWAI LENG GUO (Herbal jelly)
- CHICKEN RICE
- BEANCURD



Sikh men were often known as 'guardian warriors' and employed as guards or policemen in the past. Find the carvings and take a selfie! [#HeritageExplorerSG](#)

# GOH CHOR TUA PEK KONG TEMPLE

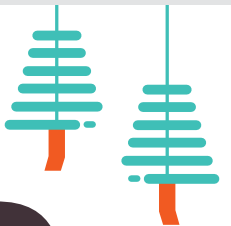
After filling their stomachs, Nurul spotted an interesting green and red building with many figurines on its roof. "This must be the temple that served the early migrants," she noted. "Let's go in!" said Muthu.



## Circle six items

that you can find on the roof of the temple.

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|----------|-----------|---------|
| FISH     | WHALE     | SHIRT   |
| ELEPHANT | DOG       | CHAIR   |
| GIRAFFE  | PINEAPPLE | TABLE   |
| MONKEY   | FLOWER    | DRAGON  |
| BIRD     | PENCIL    | PHOENIX |
| TURTLE   | PEARL     | UNICORN |



What should you do when you enter a place of worship?

I should .....

Nurul and her friends enjoyed their excursion around Balestier! They learnt so much about the heritage and culture of Balestier.

What was the most memorable moment of your visit?

### My favourite moment.

Draw it here.

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ON COMPLETING  
THE TRAIL!



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completed trail  
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ANSWERS:  
Pg4 — LOOK AT THE TIGER Or Kio ('Black Bridge' in Hokkien)  
Pg6 — IDENTIFY THE DISHES! Chicken Rice 2, Beancurd 3, Kway Leng Guo  
Pg7 — CIRCLE SIX ITEMS Fish, bird, flower, pear, dragon, phoenix