

Património cultural, a cortiça e os museus
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Musée du liège et du bouchon
Mézin, France



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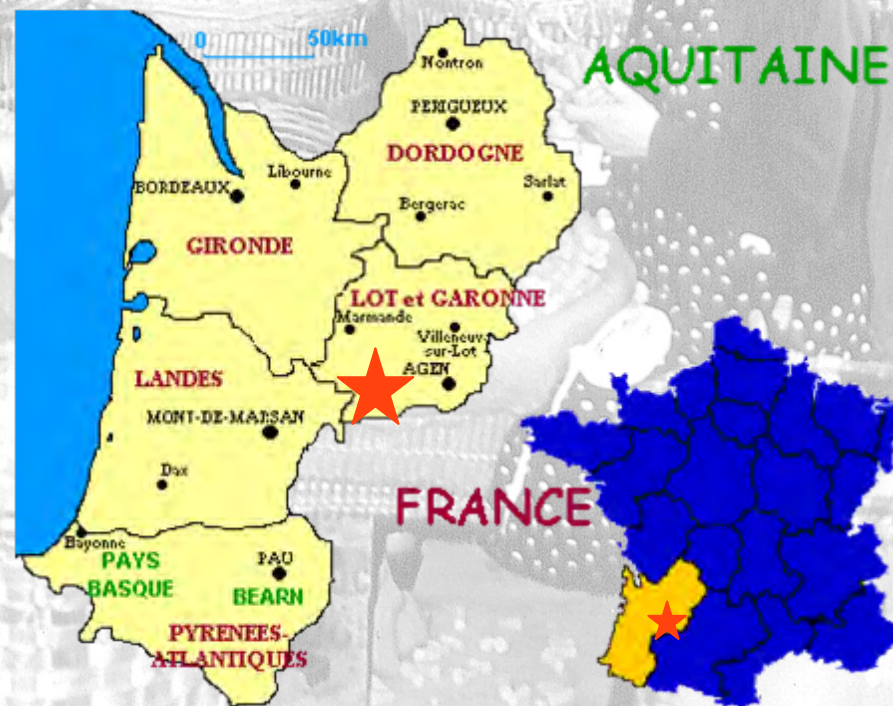
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The creation of the cork Museum in Mézin

- Apparition of the cork industry in Mézin at the 18th century
- The firms of Mezin started to close for 1950's
- An association, composed of inhabitants of Mézin, created the 1st cork museum in 1983
- In 1999, a new museum is created with the help of Lot et Garonne's curator
- The museum became « Musée de France » on august, 29th 2006.



Guided tour in the museum of Mézin



A museum done up in a **19th century school**



A **cork oak forest** creation in the museum



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From the **hand-work cork** to the first **machines-tools** around 1870



The **commercial transport** of corks at the 19th and 20th centuries

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The progress of industry with the apparition of **mechanization**



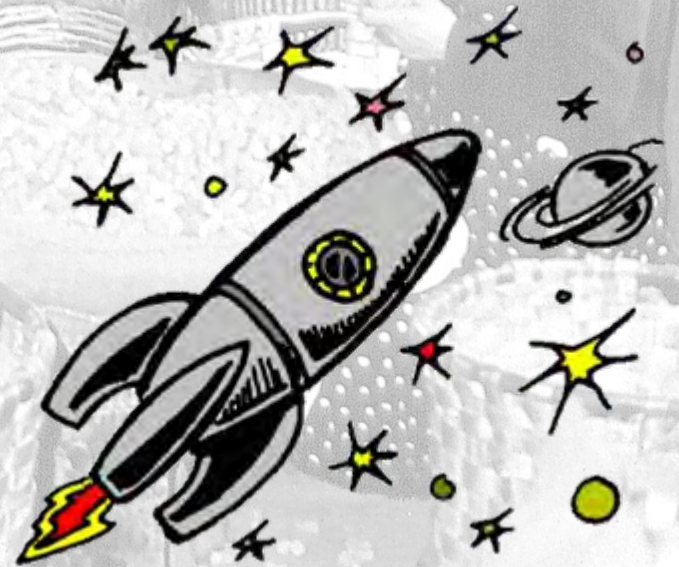
One example of the mechanization :
« une marqueuse à feu »



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Evolution of cork uses



Workgroups for schools

Study of the cork properties :
phonic isolation test of the expanded cork compared to other materials (plastic, wool)



Workgroups for families

December, 13th 2009 : example of a workgroup for families with 4-6 years old children which consisted in a guided tour of the museum in the dark with a light and in a show of Atsara Company.

