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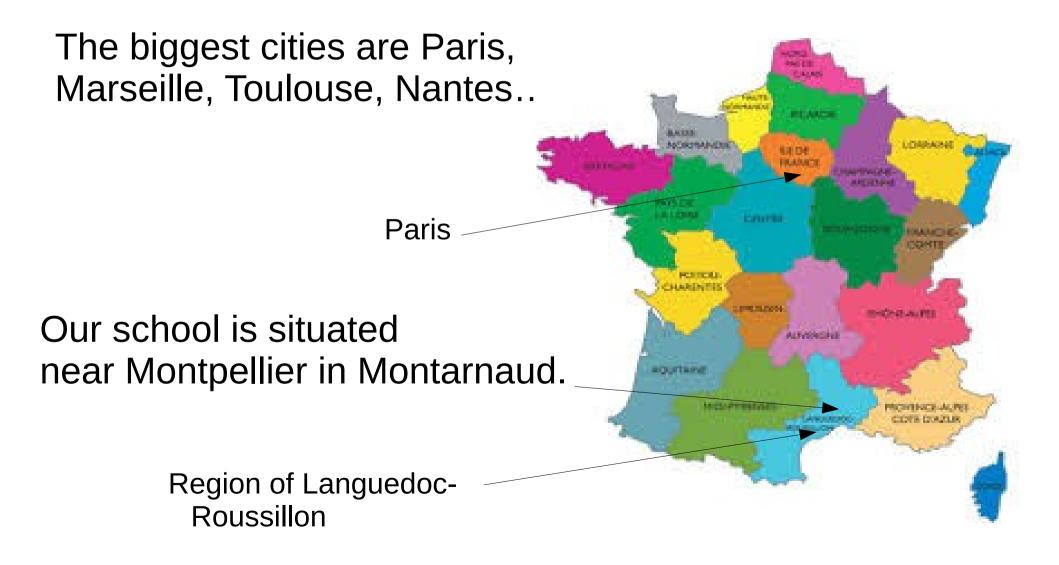
The capital is Paris.

The population is about 64 M.

The area is 551 695 s.q. kms.

Our motto is : liberty, equality, and brotherhood. France is divided into 22 regions.

We live in the Languedoc-Roussillon region.



Famous monuments in France



The Arc de Triomphe



The Champs Élysées



The pont du Gard



The Eiffel tower



Montpellier



The Mont Saint Michel

Bastille day

- July 14th is France National Day also called Bastille Day.
- It is a very symbolic day because it is the end of the absolute monarchy.
- Nowadays, people go out in the evening to look at fireworks.



France landscapes In France, there are a lot of different landscapes :



Mount Blanc in the Alps.



Cliffs in Brittany.



Coves near Marseille.



Castles along the Loire Valley.





The highest European bridge in Millau

The River Seine

Specialities...

- In France, every region has its own recipies :
- In Alsace, gingerbread.
- In Aquitaine, Bordeaux canelés.
- In Auvergne, Aligot (mashed potatoes and cheese).
- In Bourgogne, boeuf bourguignon.
- In Brittany, buckwheat pancakes.
- In Center, tatin Pie.
- In Languedoc-Roussilon, Cassoulet.
- In Normandy, Camembert.

French cooking !



Cassoulet



Crepes



Gingerbread



Camembert cheese



Cannelés cakes



Aligot



Tatin pie



Boeuf Bourguignon

Our region

Our region is divided into 5 departements :

Oriental Pyrenees, Aude, Gard, Lozère and Hérault where we live, and where our school is.





Languedoc-Roussillon



Population : 2 700 266 inhabitants. (2012) Pop. density : 99 inhab./sq km Regional Languages : Catalan and Occitan Area : 27 376 s.q. kms





Capital city : Carcassonne A médieval city





Medieval Carcassonne

Cathare Castle of Puilaurens



Capital city : Nîmes A Roman City



The Roman amphitheatre

The pont du Gard, a Roman aquaduct

La Lozère

Capital city : Mende



The Cévennes National Park







The Gévaudan Wolf Park

Les Pyrénées-Orientales



Capital City : Perpignan, A Catalan city



The Palace of the Kings of Majorque

The town and port of Collioure

... And our department :

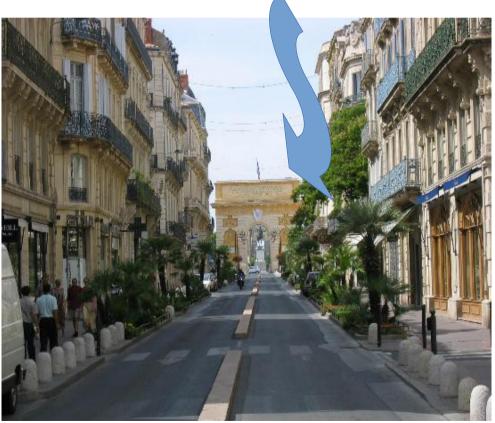
L'Hérault !

Capital city : Montpellier, Préfecture régionale

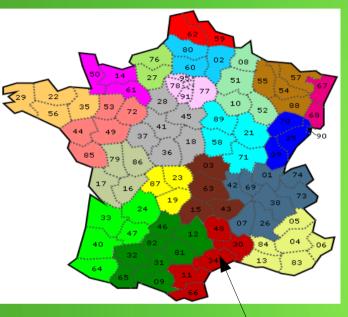
King Louis XIVth Arche



The city of Sète, an Italian port



One of the main streets in Montpellier



Herault is a beautiful county, located in the Languedoc-Roussillon Region in the south of France There is a famous mountain called « Pic Saint Loup »



In this county, there is the « gorges de l'Hérault », a preserved and wild area. The Devil's Bridge is near the village « Saint Guilhem le Désert » which is one of the most beautiful villages in France.





Canoeing in the river Herault..



« St Guilhem le désert »

The Devil's bridge

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In Herault county there are many seaside resorts such as La Grande-Motte and Palavas-les-Flots

> The Beach near Palavas-les-Flots

« The étang de Thau » near the beach.



« La Grande-Motte »



Montarhaud



Montarnaud is a small village with about 2800 inhabitants.

The castle on the hill belonged to the powerful Counts of Turennes

There is a big square with some shops, a fountain and a church located in the village center .







The fountain



The church

The village logo





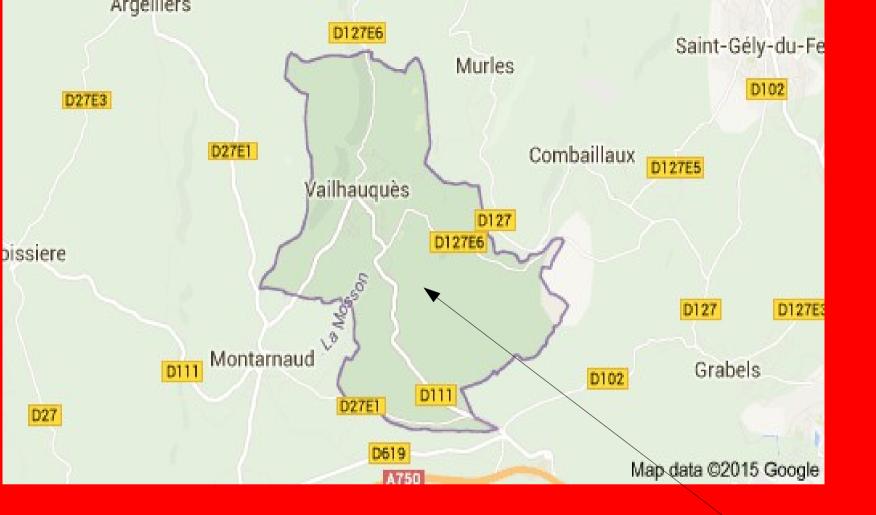
PAS DE CALAIS PICARDIE BASSE-LORRAINE NORMANDIE ILE DE FRANCE CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE PAYS DE A LOIRE CENTRE FRANCH COMTE POITOU-LIMOUSIN RHÓNE-ALPES AUVERGNE AQUITAINE MIDI-PYRENEES PROVENCE-ALPES COTE D'AZUR LANGU

Montarnaud is located in Languedoc-Roussillon and more precisely in Herault Between Montarnaud and Vailhauques flows the Tombadou river. The gorge of Tombadou is a dangerous place when it rains a lot.



In Montarnaud, there are many vinyards





The village of Vaihlauques.

Vaihlauques is surrounded by several villages : Murles, Montarnaud, Combaillaux and many others.

The town of Vailhauquès



In Vailhauquès, there is a large center with shops . On Sunday there is a market. There is a bar where people come to watch matches.

Logo Vailhauquès

In Vailhauquès, there is a big sandy park. There are 10 games with swings, a spider, a slide, a cabin, a beaver, a grasshopper, a ladybug...



Vailhauqués park

In Vailhauquès there is a primary school and a nursery sschool. There are two yards, one made of concrete with a large net in the middle and in the other one has a fake lawn with games for children.

Vailhauqes primary school yard and courtyar d 1 2



Vailhauquès Center





The surroundings of Vailhauquès





Vailhauquès is a village surrounded by scrublands and hills .



History



The first « Dolmen » was built between 3500 and 2 500 years AD.

The first traces of human life goes back to 5000 BC, in the Neolithic period.



The Church is very old, it was first built around 1099. It was built during the Romanesque period.

It was built with rough or carved stones :



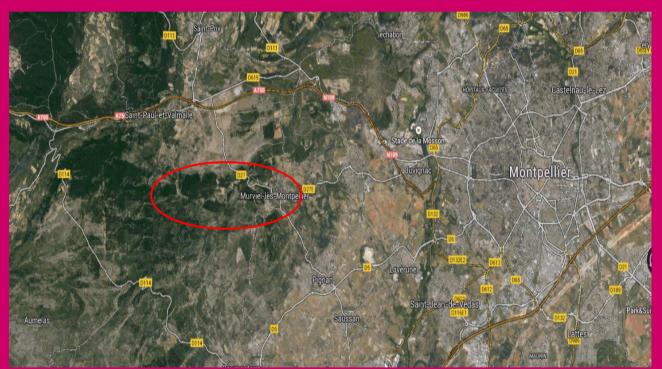


Enblem of Church





Murviel-lès-Montpellier



Murviel-lès-Montpellier is situated in Languedoc-Roussillon, in the south of France. This village is part of the urban area of Montpellier which is close.

The village is not very big but interesting !







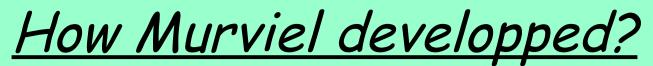


Murviel is an old village. The Romans built an **<u>oppidum</u>** and a villa on top of the hill.

There is <u>a museum</u> where you can see all the objects found every year on the site.

Murviel means "old wall "because it is a very old village.

There are approximately 2000 inhabitants.





The village grew around it's center (the church).

The most recent part of Murviel "The Rouvière-Longue" was built recently.

The village is surrounded by forests.

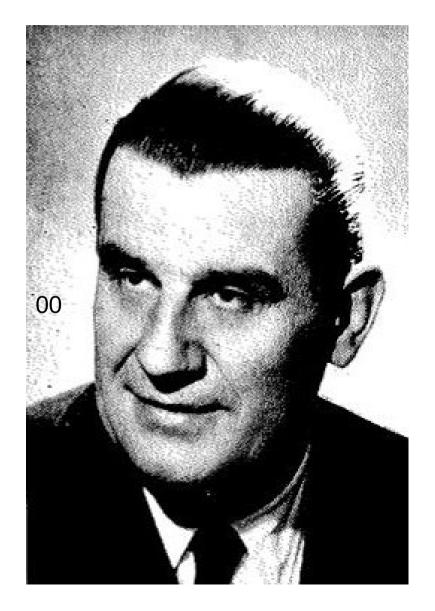
The village attracts new inhabitants every year.

College Vincent Badie

Vincent Badie (1902-1989) was a politician.

During the 2nd World War, he opposed the Vichy State and the Germans.

- He became a member of the Resistance.
- He was arrested and sent to Dachau where he was freed
- by the Americans.
- After the war he continued
- his political career.
- He became a Member of Parliament in the 1950s.





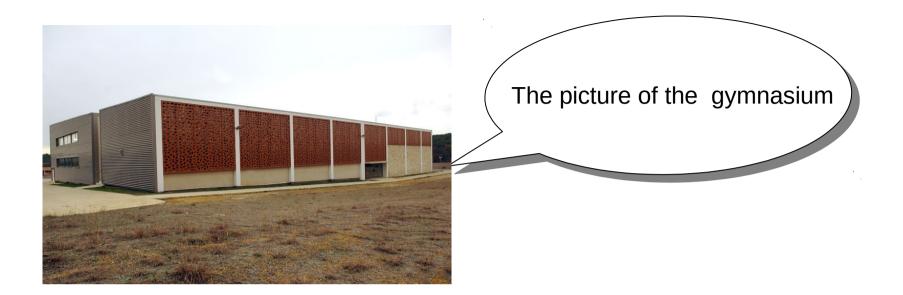


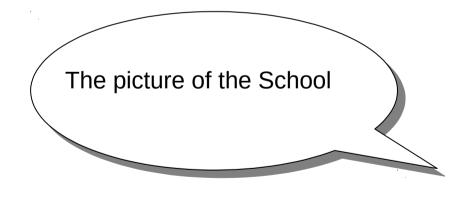
Vincent Badie Secondary School is situated in the village of Montarnaud.

There are about 600 pupils and about 60 teachers in this school.

There is a cafeteria, a stadium, a gymnasium, a yard.









Various sporting events are organized during the year



A few trips abroad...



Skiing in the Pyrenes



Spain : Alicante





England: Baulieu Castle





Ireland: the cliffs of Mohaire

England: Brighton

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