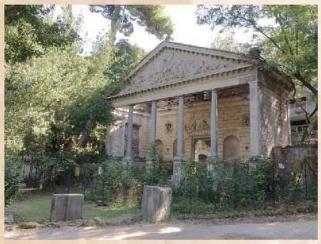
Leave the house on your right, go to the north.
Keep right, you won't need to go back and forth.
In a while you'll see another unusual facade.
It's a Temple of Saturn hidden in a shade.

Of course, it doesn't date from antiquity times,
Some "new ruins" were built sometimes.
Especially in 19th century it was popular.
This is an example, nothing particular.

On top there's a scene in a _ _ _ [2] _ _ _ _ shape.

Look at the sculptured figures, don't escape!
In the middle there is Saturn, an ancient god,
With a [11] _ _ _ at his feet. Can you see it or not?



Turn left towards the main building in the park.
You can't get lost with this great landmark.
On the left there's a fountain. The water is gone.
The columns are made of [1] _ _ _ _ _ stone.

Got to the main building? The treasure is close!
This is [8] _ [4] _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, an inscription shows.
Can't you find it? Look at the main door!
Inside the museum you can see much more.

This is the main villa, the principal residence.
You've done the quest. Letters are the evidence.
Now, read carefully your final password.
It is a name you might not have heard.

This is an architect who led the restoration.
It's not finished yet, for your information.
Go inside the museum to get the treasure.
Someone will give it to you with pleasure!

Final password:

[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15]

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Villa Torlonia

Theme:

The quest shows the history of Villa Torlonia located in Rome, Italy and leads to the most interesting sites of the park.

How to play:

In order to play, you need to go to the start point. There you start reading the text. You should follow carefully the hints in the text and fill in blank spaces. This way you collect letters for the final password, which is necessary to get the treasure: a special stamp proving that you have accomplished the quest.

Start point:

The route starts in front of the main entrance to Villa Torlonia park, in Via Nomentana. GPS: 41.915840, 12.511168

Time needed:

About 60 min.

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You are at the main gate, now you enter.
Soon, you will be right in the park centre.
This is Villa Torlonia, a great historical place.
The Torlonia family owned the whole space.

The Villa was built some 200 years ago,
Designed by Giuseppe Valadier. Did you know?
In the park, which is in the English style,
You will walk a bit, just about 1 mile…

You should also know, before we start,
That the Villa history has a dark part.
Benito Mussolini was a political dictator
And the Italian Fascism ideology creator.

The Torlonia family rented him the Villa.
Per year he only needed to pay 1 lira!*
After 1945 the place was not used any more.
The City of Rome bought it in 1977 and restored.
(*lira – Italian currency, used before euro)

Before you leave behind the main gate,
Look at the two pillars. Now you state:
There is a figure of a black _ _ [14] _ on each top.
Solved? OK, let's go to the next stop!

Behind the gate keep right, the road is wide.
Continue to the building on the right side.
It's Casino dei Principi – the House of Princes.
Count: in front of it there are _ _ [7] old sphinxes.

Look! These are women-lions creatures.
One has a broken _ [5] _ _ _. Search for other features.

How did prince Alessandro Torlonia use this dwell?
Do you really want to know? OK, very well!

When the prince organised a big social event
The House was a Villa annex. Things were sent
Through a passage linking buildings underground.
It still exists down there. You may hear some sound…

Continue. On the first crossroads turn right
And walk until you get to the next site.
You'll see an old stable, it's not a big hall.
There are two horse _ [13] _ _ _ on the wall.

Look around, wait a second, don't run!
You will also see an _ [9] _ _ _ under the sun –

A sign of science academy and a library.
You can check it out in a dictionary.

Continue south-east, towards the Theatre,
You'll pass by pizzeria, but it doesn't matter.
It used to be an Orangery, which means
There were tropical plants inside, not beans.

You'll see a rotund (round wall) with arcades.
That is the Theatre. Go around, that's my aid.
What you find there, will make you stop:
A huge _ _ _ _ [6] _ with a vase on the top.

It was constructed for the ethernal memory of:
_ _ _ _ _ [15] _ Torlonia and Annae, parents beloved.
Now, go around the building once more.
There's a "souvenir" from the 2nd World War.

You should have the Theatre on your left side,
Then you'll see a place where one could hide.
A small door under trees is a bunker doorway.
In case of attack, Mussolini had a place to stay.

Continue northwards, pass by a lake on your right,
There's a bamboo forest on the other side.
Soon, on your left you'll see an Egyptian obelisk.
Then turn right, away from it, as if it was a risk.

Go straight until you get to a picturesque dwell.
This is Casina delle Civette, restored very well.
House of the Owls would be the English name.
Have you noticed the origin of this fame?

It is now a museum, one can visit it inside.
Stuccos, stained glass… You may need a guide.
It was built as a romantic, rustic residence
With _ [12] _ _ white columns. Count for the evidence.

On some of them there are four _ _ _ [4], right?
Imagine, if you can't see it from the other side.
A _ _ [10] _ _ _ is the shape of the highest window.
Have you noticed? You get a letter. Bingo!