

Text: A Palace of Art, History, and Pride

In the heart of Constantine stands Ahmed Bey Palace, a wonderful piece of Ottoman architecture. The construction of the palace began in 1825 and ended in 1835, during the rule of Ahmed Bey, the last Ottoman governor of the region. This magnificent palace reflects the rich past of Constantine. It contains long corridors, bright patios, and beautiful gardens. Inside, visitors admire the colorful decorations, fine woodwork, and artistic mosaics. The ceilings and walls are covered with paintings that show Ahmed Bey's journeys to several famous cities such as Mecca, Cairo, and Istanbul.



After Algeria's independence, Ahmed Bey Palace became a national monument and was classified as a historical heritage site by the Algerian Ministry of Culture for its unique architecture and artistic value. It is one of the largest palaces in Algeria, with more than 120 rooms. Each part of the building shows the skill and creativity of the craftsmen of that time. Today, the palace serves as a museum where people can explore old traditions and artistic styles. It remains a living proof of Algeria's cultural heritage and a great source of pride for the citizens of Constantine.

Part One: (14 pts.)**A/ Reading Comprehension: (07 pts.)****Read the text and do the following activities:****Activity One: Complete the with information from the text. (02 pts.)**

Name of the landmark	Situation	Date of construction	Builder

Activity Two: Write "True", "False" or "Not mentioned". (03 pts.)

- 1/- Ahmed Bey Palace took ten years to be built.
- 2/- The splendid monument covers 5600 square metres.
- 3/- It was classified as a World Heritage Site by The Algerian Ministry of Culture.

Activity Three: Lexis: (02pts.)**a) Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following: (01pt.)**

1- splendid =

2- completed=

b) Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following: (01pt.)

1- outside ≠

2- modern≠

B/ Mastery of Language: 07 pts.)**Activity One: Supply punctuation and capitals where necessary. (02pts.)**

The Alhambra is an amazing palace it is located in granada Spain.

Activity Two: Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice. (03pts.)

- 1/- The Ottomans built many palaces in Algeria during their rule.
- 2/- France gave the Statue of Liberty to the USA as a gift of friendship in 1886.
- 3/- UNESCO didn't list Ahmed Bey Palace as a World Heritage Site.

Activity Three: Write the following words in the right box according to their vowel sound. (02 pts.)

bright – remains – decorations – styles

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1-	1-.....
2-	2-.....

Part Two: Situation of Integration: (06 pts.)

The Algerian Ministry of Culture is creating a website to promote Algerian heritage to young people around the world. Using the information in the Fact File, write a short article for the website to describe this Algerian historic treasure.

Landmark: The Casbah, Old City of Algiers

Location: Algiers – Algeria

Date of construction: 16th century

Builder: The Ottomans

Material: stone - wood

Area: about 50 hectares

Other facts:

- includes famous landmarks such as Ketchaoua Mosque
- inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1992

