

Before-reading questions

- Example answer:** King Louis XIII became King of France in 1610, after his father, King Henry IV of France, was murdered. Louis was only eight years old. While he was still a child, Louis's mother, Marie de Medici, ruled with him. Louis married Queen Anne of Austria in 1615, when he was fourteen. (Their son became the very famous King Louis XIV.) Being so young, Louis needed help and advice from other leaders. In the 1620s, the most important of these was Cardinal Richelieu, who was also a priest. (A cardinal is one of the most important positions in the Catholic Church.) Richelieu was fourteen years older than the King, and he was a very intelligent and powerful man.
- Example answer:** Gascony is in the south-west corner of France, next to Spain. It is next to mountains and the sea, and it is a long way from Paris. It is a part of the country with lots of villages and farms, and not many big cities. In the 1620s, it was probably much poorer than Paris.
- Example answer:** The front cover shows the swords of the Three Musketeers, as they make a promise together. They are saying the words "*All for one and one for all*". This means that the whole group should help each person in the group, and each person should do things that help the group.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- Monsieur de Tréville is an old friend of d'Artagnan's father. He is Captain of the King's Musketeers.
- Old Monsieur d'Artagnan has written a letter to introduce his son to him because he hopes that Monsieur de Tréville will be able to help his son to become rich and successful.

CHAPTER TWO

- He has to prove himself – to do things which show how good and how brave he is.

CHAPTER THREE

- She has been kidnapped.
- He recognizes that it is the man from Meung (the tall stranger with the scar). This man may also have kidnapped Monsieur Bonacieux's wife.

CHAPTER FOUR

- D'Artagnan sees Madame Bonacieux twice. The first time she is outside Aramis's house, and she is giving a woman inside the house a handkerchief. The second time she is walking along the street with the Duke of Buckingham.

CHAPTER FIVE

- Monsieur de Tréville promises the King that Athos did not attack the policemen at Madame Bonacieux's house.
- He wants her to bring two diamonds from the Queen's necklace back to Paris. He wants to prove to the King that the Queen has given her diamonds to the Duke and that they are having a love affair.

CHAPTER SIX

- He wants to travel to England to give the Queen's letter about the diamonds to the Duke of Buckingham.
- They all get stopped by someone so that they cannot continue the journey. (Porthos has to fight a duel, Aramis is wounded by men with pistols, and Athos is attacked by an innkeeper and his men.)

CHAPTER SEVEN

- She arrived at the summerhouse, but she has been kidnapped again by the Cardinal's men.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 They have had an argument. D'Artagnan has interrupted Lord de Winter's conversation with his sister, Milady, and has accused Lord de Winter of being rude to her.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Athos thinks that he recognizes the sapphire ring because it has a mark on it, like his ring had.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 She wants to have d'Artagnan killed because he knows that she helped to kidnap Madame Bonacieux. She is afraid that he will want revenge for this and may kill her.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 She believes that Milady is the victim of one of the Cardinal's plots and is staying at the convent to be safe from him.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 He is the executioner of the town of Lille. He knew Milady when she was young, and his brother was in love with her.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 Porthos is going to get married, and Aramis is going to become a priest. Neither of them wishes to accept the position of officer in the King's Musketeers, and nor does Athos, so d'Artagnan can become an officer.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 c 2 d 3 e 4 a 5 b

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 **The Cardinal** told the **King** that his musketeers were seen fighting outside an inn.
- 2 **Monsieur de Tréville** was very angry with **Athos, Porthos** and **Aramis** for starting the fight.
- 3 **Athos** was badly wounded in the fight.
- 4 **D'Artagnan** heard the tall stranger telling **Milady** to go to London.
- 5 **Porthos** ordered **d'Artagnan** to meet him for a duel at one o'clock, behind the Luxembourg Palace.

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 3 1 "My wife was kidnapped yesterday morning as she **was leaving** the palace."
- 2 D'Artagnan **had often told** his three friends about his adventure at Meung.
- 3 "**I was having** the most interesting conversation with my landlord when we **saw** the man."
- 4 D'Artagnan **had just finished** when Monsieur Bonacieux suddenly **hurried** back into the room.
- 5 He could listen to the police questioning them, through a hole he **had made** in his floor.

CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 4 1 Monsieur de Tréville heard about Athos's **arrest**.
- 2 The Cardinal paid Monsieur Bonacieux to **spy** on his wife.
- 3 Monsieur de Tréville knew that the Cardinal could not **prove** that Athos was guilty.
- 4 Madame Bonacieux quickly **pretended** that the visit to London was only to buy something for the Queen.
- 5 A stranger at an inn **upset** Porthos.

- 6 D'Artagnan and Athos were **forced** to leave Aramis at an inn.
- 7 D'Artagnan told the Comte de Wardes that he was on a very important **mission** and must have a **permit**.

CHAPTERS SEVEN AND EIGHT

- 5 1 "He might have you arrested, but he **could** do worse than that."
- 2 "The Cardinal **will** have men looking for you."
- 3 D'Artagnan promised the old man that he **could** be trusted.
- 4 "They told me if I repeated anything that I heard later, I **would** be a dead man."
- 5 "He won't remember you, **will** he?"
- 6 If Lord de Winter never had children, everything that was his **would** be hers after his death.
- 7 For some reason the Cardinal asked me to be gentle with d'Artagnan, or I **would** take my revenge."
- 8 D'Artagnan decided that he **would** go through Kitty's room to Milady's room and surprise her.

CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

- 6 1 e 2 c 3 b 4 h
5 f 6 g 7 a 8 d

CHAPTERS ELEVEN TO THIRTEEN

- 7 1 false 2 true
3 true 4 false
5 false 6 false

Project work

Reader's own answers.