

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 **a** The Bastille is in Paris and the Old Bailey is in London.
b The Bastille was a very old castle in Paris that was used as a prison from the 17th century. It stopped being used as a prison in 1789 and was destroyed. Very little of the building now remains. The Old Bailey is a court in London, where people accused of crimes are brought to trial. It is still used as a court today.
c the Bastille: prisoner, governor, guard, jailer
the Old Bailey: jury, prisoner, witness, judge, guard, jailer, lawyer
- 3 On 14th July 1789, patriots attacked the Bastille and took control of it. This was one of the most important events at the beginning of the French Revolution and it is known as the “storming of the Bastille”. The picture on page 52, in Chapter Eight, shows this day.
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 He is worried that the man on the horse might be a robber.
- 2 He last saw her fifteen years ago, when he brought her from France to England as a young child.
- 3 The woman does not want to leave England and cross the English Channel by boat from Dover to Calais. She says, “I was born on an island. Why should I cross the sea in a boat?”

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 A cask of wine has been dropped on the ground and has broken. People hurry to drink it because they are very poor and do not often drink wine.
- 2 He does not recognize her because he has just come out of prison after eighteen years and this is the first time he has met her. He is also very confused after spending so many years alone in prison.
- 3 It was his wife's. He found it on his shoulder the last time he saw her, before going to prison. He looks after it carefully because it reminds him of her and their love for each other.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Jerry has been asked to deliver a message to Mr Lorry and to wait to hear the judgment at the end of the trial. Mr Lorry, Doctor Manette and Lucie have been called as witnesses at the trial.
- 2 **Example answer:** He is the man who found papers in Darnay's room about England's army and ships. The lawyers who are defending Charles Darnay say that John Barsad is a spy. In the end, the jury believe the defence lawyers and decide that Darnay is not guilty, which means that Barsad is probably a spy.
- 3 Charles Darnay, the prisoner, and Sydney Carton, a defence lawyer, look very alike. This is important because it means that the witness cannot be certain that the man he saw near the army building was Darnay. Perhaps it was someone else who looked like him.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 **Example answer:** Someone throws the coin back because they are angry with the Marquis for thinking that money is the answer to killing someone's child. It could be Madame Defarge, who is staring at him, or one of the people in the crowd.
- 2 He says that he would wipe them from the face of the Earth, which means that he wants to destroy them, probably by killing them violently.
- 3 Gaspard is hiding under the Marquis's carriage. He is following the Marquis to his home in the country and he is probably planning to kill him.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Darnay loves Lucie and wants to marry her. At the time, it was normal for a man to ask a woman's father to agree to their marriage first. In this case, Darnay also wants to tell Doctor Manette that he understands how important Lucie is to him. Darnay promises that he will not take Lucie away and that, if they get married, he will live in the Doctor's house with them.
- 2 He should tell him his real name, which is Charles Evrémonte.
- 3 He says this because he loves her and he would prove this by doing anything for her. He would even die to save someone she loves.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 The King and Queen have a palace at Versailles and people go there to see them because they respect them. But Defarge and his wife think that seeing them will make the road-mender want to fight against them more.

- 2 He talks about the poor and oppressed people of Saint Antoine and how they feel because he wants to trick Madame Defarge into telling him her true opinions. He hopes that she will share some information about the Marquis's murder with him.
- 3 He calls him Jacques because that is the name that many men used during the time of the Revolution to show that they were part of it. Barsad is telling Defarge that he knows he agrees with the Revolution. He wants Defarge to think that he does, too.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 As promised, Darnay is telling Doctor Manette his real name, which is Charles Evrémonte.
- 2 He begins to make shoes again because he is very upset by what Darnay has told him. His memories of being in prison are recalled and he becomes ill again.
- 3 She defends Carton because, from her conversation with him in Chapter Five, she knows that he is a better man than Darnay thinks.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 **Example answer:** He searches it because that is the cell that Doctor Manette was locked up in. He thinks that he might find something useful there.
- 2 **Example answer:** He probably tells them that the château of the Marquis of Evrémonte is going to be burned that evening.
- 3 They want to attack Monsieur Gabelle because he was responsible for collecting their taxes and their rent.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 They meet at Tellson's Bank, where Mr Lorry works.
- 2 He wants Darnay to go to Paris to save his life. Darnay can give witness at Gabelle's trial that he ordered Gabelle not to collect any rent from the villagers after the Marquis of Evrémonte's death.
- 3 He does not tell anyone because Lucie, Doctor Manette and Mr Lorry would all try to stop him going.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 He is sent to prison because he is an emigrant and an aristocrat who the People believe has wronged them.
- 2 He hopes that Defarge will understand that he is not responsible for things that cruel aristocrats like his uncle have done.
- 3 He wants Doctor Manette to talk to them because he thinks they will pity a man who was a prisoner of the Bastille and try to help him and his family.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 She stands there because Darnay might be able to see her from a high window inside the prison, which would comfort him.
- 2 **Example answer:** It is Sydney Carton, who has come from England to try to help Darnay.
- 3 Doctor Manette saves him. He tells the court that Darnay is his good friend and his daughter's husband. He also tells them about Darnay's trial in England, when Darnay was thought to be an enemy of the aristocrat English government. The French people trust Doctor Manette because he was once a prisoner of the Bastille.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 She meets her brother, Solomon Pross. His other name is John Barsad. He is in Paris because he is a spy for both the French and English governments.
- 2 Mr Lorry is surprised to see Barsad.
- 3 He asks Barsad to let him visit Darnay in prison because Barsad sometimes works as a jailer there.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 Her younger sister is still alive.
- 2 They were responsible for him going to jail without a trial to prevent him telling anyone what they had done to the young woman and her family. Once Doctor Manette was in prison, he was forgotten and never given any news of his wife or the child that she was expecting.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

- 1 **Example answer:** He feels responsible for the jury's decision because he denounced everyone in the Evrémonte family many years ago. He feels guilty and very upset that Darnay will be sent to the Guillotine because of what he wrote in prison a long time ago.
- 2 She hates them because it was her family who were treated so cruelly by the Evrémonte brothers – she was the younger sister who was hidden to keep her safe.
- 3 They are in danger because Madame Defarge may denounce them for making signs to prisoners from the street. She hates everyone connected with the Evrémonte family and wants them all dead.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

- 1 Carton has some packets inside his shirt that he bought from the chemist's the day before. He knows that if these things are mixed together they will make someone unconscious. He hides them from Darnay and puts them close to his face so that he breathes them in.
- 2 Carton does not want Darnay to notice what he is doing. Writing the letter keeps Darnay busy while Carton is making him unconscious. The letter is for Lucie and it explains that Carton is giving up his life to save the life of someone she loves. He told her in Chapter Five that he would be prepared to do this.
- 3 Sydney Carton, Miss Pross and Jerry Cruncher are not travelling in Mr Lorry's carriage.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

- 1 Defarge was Doctor Manette's servant when he was a young man. He knew Doctor Manette before he was sent to the Bastille and he knew that he had done nothing wrong.
- 2 She cannot hear anything because the gun has made a very loud noise and damaged her hearing for ever.
- 3 She thinks he has been sent to her by Heaven because he is so good to her. He comforts her and keeps her calm in the terrifying moments before her death.

After-reading questions

- 1 **Example answer:** He is going to tell Lucie, Doctor Manette and Mr Lorry what Carton did in the prison. At some point he going to find the letter that Carton made him write in his pocket. He will show it to Lucie, who will understand it because she will remember the conversation she had with Carton in Chapter Five.
- 2 **Example answer:** It is written in the present tense. It shows what is happening in the present moment, which makes the writing immediate and adds drama. It leads up to the ending of the story, which is about what will happen in the future.
- 3 **Example answer:** Carton does not consider his own life to be valuable. He has a problem with drinking too much wine and cannot stop. He says that he does not care for anyone in the world and no one cares for him. He thinks that he is worthless and not capable of doing any good. However, he loves Lucie and is ready to prove this by giving up his life to save her husband's life.
- 4 Ernest Defarge agrees with the Revolution against aristocrats but he has not suffered cruel treatment from any of them like his wife has. He also knew Doctor Manette a long time ago and knew that he was a good man. He liked him and knew that he had not done anything wrong when he was thrown into prison. The Evrémonte brothers were responsible for the death of Madame Defarge's father, brother and sister, and she will never forgive them or anyone in the Evrémonte family. She believes that they must all be punished for what the brothers did and that she has the right to kill them.
- 5 **Reader's own answer.**

Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 1** 1 c; wisdom 2 d; hope
 3 a; kind 4 d; conscious
- 2** 1 Jerry Cruncher 2 Mr Lorry
 3 Lucie Manette 4 Miss Pross
 5 Ernest Defarge 6 Madame Defarge
 7 Doctor Manette

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 3** 1 The prisoner **was accused** of treason.
 2 The jury **would** surely **find** him guilty.
 3 Until now, the young lawyer **had spent** most of the trial **looking** up at the ceiling.
 4 “I think you **’ve / have been drinking**, Mr Carton,” said Darnay.
 5 “If I **knew** who had thrown the coin, I **would wipe** you from the face of the Earth,” said the Marquis.
 6 “I know you **would do** anything to try to **prevent** me,” said Darnay.

CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 4** 1 He walked to Soho Square, **where** the Manettes’ house stood in a peaceful, pleasant corner.
 2 “It will be very hard for me to hear **what** you have to say.”
 3 “Remember that there is a man **who / that** would give his life for a life you love.”
 4 Her fingers quickly knitted an extra something into his name **that** meant him no good.
 5 “He’s the nephew of the Marquis, **whom** Gaspard killed.”
 6 “Her husband’s journey will take him **where** he has to go.”

CHAPTERS SEVEN AND EIGHT

- 5** 1 When was Lucie going to be married?
 2 What did Doctor Manette use to see from his prison window?

- 3 Why did Mr Lorry take an axe into the Doctor’s room?
 4 How long did the attack on the Bastille last?
 5 Whose head did Madame Defarge cut off?
 6 What would Monsieur Gabelle do if the villagers broke down his door?

CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

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

CHAPTERS ELEVEN AND TWELVE

- 7** 1 courtroom – the others are people
 2 visitor – the others are jobs
 3 flag – the others are connected with trials
 4 arrested – the others are ways of speaking
 5 witness – the others are connected with your body
 6 register – the others are weapons

CHAPTERS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN

- 8** 1 the Evrémonde brothers
 2 the Marquis of Evrémonde’s wife / Darnay’s mother
 3 Doctor Manette
 4 Lucie Manette
 5 Sydney Carton
 6 Mr Lorry

CHAPTERS FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN

- 9** 1 c 2 a 3 f 4 b 5 d 6 e

Project work

Reader’s own answers.

Essay questions

Reader’s own answers.