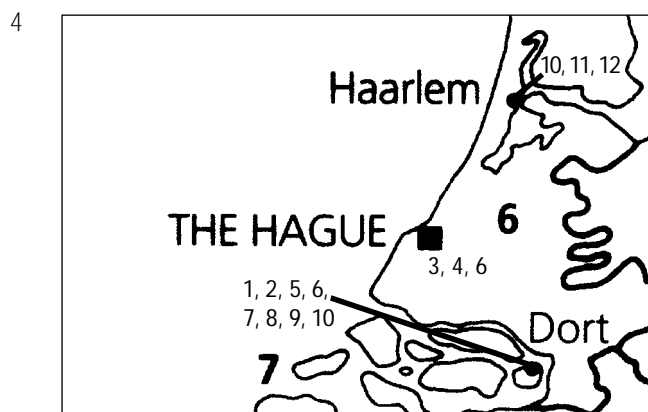


# The Black Tulip by Alexandre Dumas

- 1 (a) F (b) F (NOTE: but some people in the story are real.)
- 2 Student's own answer.
- 3 Student's own answer. (NOTE: The names Cornelius, Rosa and Prince William are on the back cover, but there are two people with the name Cornelius on page 8. The names John and Cornelius De Witt are on pages 5 and 7.)

Baerle's notebook. It is about the black tulip bulbs. Isaac Boxtel reads it. Then he knows about the bulbs and he tries to find them. The notes on page 44 are from Rosa to Cornelius, and from Cornelius to Rosa. They have been unhappy with each other. But they read the notes and they become friends again. The letter on page 50 is from Isaac Boxtel to the President of the Haarlem Flower Society. In this letter, Boxtel asks for the prize for growing a black tulip.  
(b) Student's own answer.



- 9 Student's own answer.

- 5 The student can get information from the pictures and from the text. The student can mention any of the following – Cornelius Van Baerle: young, with long hair. He is brave and clever and he works hard. He loves flowers. Rosa: young and beautiful, with golden hair. She is kind and brave. Isaac Boxtel: old, with a thin face, white hair and a beard. He is jealous and dishonest. He is a thief. Gryphus: old, bald, has a beard. He is a bad-tempered man.
- 6 Student should mention that on that day, Cornelius Van Baerle wrote about black tulips in his notebook. He had three small tulip bulbs from one large bulb. They were going to have black flowers in the spring of 1673.
- 7 In the Hague, Cornelius Van Baerle gave the three bulbs to Rosa. She took care of them.  
Bulb 1: At Lovenstein, she gave one bulb back to Cornelius. He planted it in a bowl and he kept it in his cell. Gryphus found it and he destroyed it.  
Bulb 2: Rosa planted it in a pot. She kept it in her room. It grew and it had a black flower. Isaac Boxtel stole this flower and took it to Haarlem.  
Bulb 3: Rosa kept it in the paper package. She took it to Haarlem and she showed it to Van Systems and Prince William.
- 8 (a) The student should mention the following: The letter on page 20 (and page 57) is from Cornelius De Witt to Cornelius Van Baerle. Van Baerle puts the letter around the three tulip bulbs – he makes a package with the letter. At the end of the story, Prince William reads the letter. Then he knows the truth about Cornelius Van Baerle. The note on page 29 is in Cornelius Van

