

The Three Musketeers

Alexandre Dumas

A Before Reading

1 Correct answers below, but students may have other suggestions:

When do you think they lived?

Around 1625

Where do you think they lived? (City/village? Which country?)

France, Paris (in the city)

Do you think they were rich or poor? Do you think they had jobs?

They are not rich, but they work for rich people – Constance is maid to the Queen of France and D'Artagnan wants to be one of the King's musketeers

What do you think is the relationship between them?

They are lovers



2 Correct answers:



- 1 a circular piece of jewellery that you wear on your finger ring
- 2 a small hotel or pub inn
- 3 a sharp weapon with a short handle and long blade sword
- 4 a large strong building used to protect people castle
- 5 a woman who belongs to a religious community of women nun
- 6 an object which helps people to get to high places ladder
- 7 very hard and expensive stones diamonds
- 8 a very large boat ship
- 9 a room under a building, below the ground cellar
- 10 a piece of clothing that covers your fingers and hand glove
- 11 an area of water on the coast where boats stop port
- 12 a vehicle pulled by horses carriage

3 Students' own ideas. Possible answers include:

The King's musketeers must be *brave, strong, unafraid, loyal, honest*.

B While Reading

4 Correct answers:

Who dies?	Who kills them?	How?	Why?
The man in Calais and his servant	D'Artagnan and Planchet	By their swords	Because D'Artagnan needs the man's paper with permission to go to England
A man in the inn near Amiens	Athos	We don't know	Because he and some other men tried to stop Athos and D'Artagnan from getting to England
The soldier at the French camp in La Rochelle	Milady	Poison in wine	Because Milady is trying to kill D'Artagnan
Buckingham	Felton	We don't know	Because Felton feels sorry for Milady and believes Buckingham put her in prison
Constance	Milady	Poison in wine	1) Because D'Artagnan is Milady's enemy and he loves Constance 2) Because Milady doesn't want Constance to see D'Artagnan
Milady	Athos (with D'Artagnan and the other musketeers)	By his sword	Because she is a murderer, a thief and a liar and they have a paper saying they are acting for the good of France

5 Students' own answers.

6 Correct answers:



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b



d



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C After Reading

7 a Students' own answers.

b Students' own answers.

8 Students' own answers.