

ACTIVITIES

BEFORE READING

- 1 The story happens in the seventeenth century. Which people are you going to read about? Tick the boxes.

Joan of Arc

FRENCH LEADER

a ☐

William Shakespeare

ENGLISH WRITER

b ☐

Cardinal Richelieu

PRIME MINISTER
OF FRANCE

c ☐

Louis XIII

KING OF FRANCE

d ☐

Anne of Austria

KING LOUIS XIII'S WIFE
AND QUEEN OF FRANCE

e ☐

Charles I

KING OF ENGLAND

f ☐

- 2 Which of these things do you think you will read about? Tick the boxes.

- a ☐ Men and women falling in love.
b ☐ People fighting.
c ☐ People sailing to America.
d ☐ People escaping from prison.

Chapter

I

D'Artagnan meets the three musketeers

第一章 达塔尼昂邂逅三个火枪手

The **Captain** of the King's **musketeers**, **Monsieur** de Tréville, sat back in his chair and looked with interest at the young man in front of him. 'So you're the son of my old friend d'Artagnan!' he said. 'Now tell me, why have you left your village to come all the way to Paris?'

'I'm hoping to become one of the King's musketeers, **sir**,' said d'Artagnan. 'If a great man like you can help me –'

'I see a lot of young men like you, who want to become musketeers. It isn't easy. You have to show how **brave** you are. It's strange that you haven't brought a letter with you, from your father –'

'Sir, I had one, but a man stole it from me, when I stopped for some food at the town of Meung! A dark, well-dressed man.' Just then d'Artagnan gave a shout. 'Look, sir, there he is, outside your window! Excuse me, I must catch him!' And he ran out of the room.

De Tréville smiled and shook his head. 'What a wild young man! He'll be a good musketeer one day!'

On his way downstairs d'Artagnan **bumped into** a tall, good-looking musketeer. 'Sorry!' he cried, and ran on.

But the musketeer stopped him. 'You must say more than "Sorry" if you bump into me. I'm Athos, and I don't like your **behaviour**. Have you just arrived from the country?'

'What do you mean?' replied d'Artagnan. 'I *am* from the country, but I'm as good as you are!'

'We'll see about that,' said Athos. 'I'll fight you at twelve o'clock outside the church over there.'

'Right,' said d'Artagnan. 'I'll be there, don't worry,' and he ran off again, hoping to find the man from Meung. In his

captain

n. the leader of a group of soldiers
队长

musketeer

n. a soldier who fights with swords and guns
火枪手

Monsieur

n. /mə'sjɜ:/ Mr
先生 (法语)

sir

n. you say this when you talk to a rich or important man
先生

brave

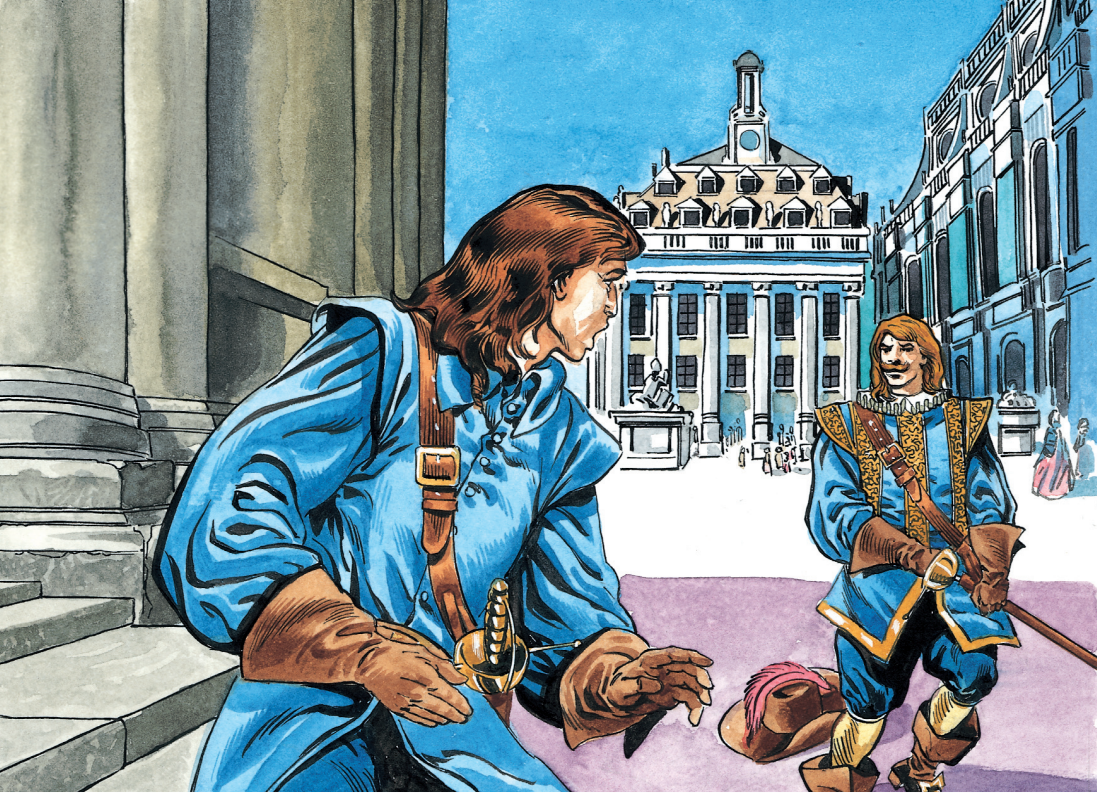
adj. not afraid of doing dangerous things
勇敢的

bump into

to hit someone with your body when you are walking or running
撞上

behaviour

n. the way that you do and say things
行为



'I'll be there!'

hurry he bumped into a second musketeer, called Porthos, and knocked his hat onto the ground. It was a fine, expensive hat, and Porthos was very angry.

'I'll teach you a lesson, young man!' he shouted. 'Meet me on the bridge at one o'clock! And bring your **sword**!'

'I'll be there!' d'Artagnan called back. Just then he saw a third musketeer in front of him, and a **lady's glove** on the ground at his feet. Without thinking he ran over and gave the glove to the musketeer.

'Does it belong to a friend, perhaps?' he asked, smiling.

'That's none of your business!' replied the musketeer angrily. 'I'll have to fight you for that! Meet me outside the theatre at two o'clock. My name's Aramis.'

Now d'Artagnan couldn't see the man from Meung anywhere, and he had to fight three musketeers, the bravest and best fighters in the country. But luckily for him, when Athos,

sword

n. a long, sharp knife for fighting
剑, 刀

lady

n. a woman from a good family
女士

glove

n. a thing that you wear on your hand
手套

Porthos and Aramis heard that they were all fighting the same man, they decided to forget his behaviour. They saw how brave he was, and he soon became their friend. They even found a **servant**, called Planchet, for him.



A few days later, Planchet showed a visitor into d'Artagnan's room. It was Bonacieux, the **owner** of the house. He was looking very worried. 'Sir,' he cried, 'please help me! I don't know what to do! Yesterday someone **kidnapped** my wife!'

'Really?' said d'Artagnan, interested. 'Tell me more.'

'Well, she goes to the **palace** every day, because she works for the Queen. It was a dark, well-dressed man who kidnapped her -'

'Aha!' cried d'Artagnan. 'That sounds like the man from Meung! Go on.'

'You see, my wife knows all the Queen's secrets. She knows that very soon an important Englishman will visit the Queen - you won't tell anyone this, will you? - perhaps you know who it is -'

'The **Duke** of Buckingham?' asked d'Artagnan. Most people in Paris knew that Buckingham was in love with the French Queen.

'Shh! The walls have ears! Yes. And the **Cardinal**, the King's first **minister**, wants to show the King that his wife has a lover! So he sent one of his men to kidnap my wife and find out what she knows!'

'Leave it to me,' said d'Artagnan. 'I'll find your wife for you.'



Later d'Artagnan told the three musketeers about the kidnapping.

'Remember that the Cardinal's our enemy and that we must keep the Queen out of danger,' said Porthos.

'We'll be stronger than the Cardinal if we work together,' said d'Artagnan. 'One for all, and all for one!' They shook hands on it.

servant

n. a person who works for someone rich
仆人

owner

n. the person that something belongs to
主人

kidnap

v. to take someone away and keep them as a prisoner
绑架

palace

n. a big house where a king lives
王宫

duke

n. a very important man
公爵

cardinal

n. a very important man in the Catholic church
(罗马天主教会的) 红衣主教

minister

n. an important person who helps the king
大臣

**Madame***n. /'mædəm/ Mrs*

夫人，太太

That evening d'Artagnan was in his room upstairs, when he heard a woman hurrying down the street. He looked out of the window. 'Perhaps it's **Madame** Bonacieux,' he thought, 'and she's escaped!' She went into the house, and at once started screaming.

'She's in trouble!' d'Artagnan told himself. He ran downstairs and knocked down the front door. Inside there were three soldiers, holding the young woman a prisoner. It wasn't long before the three were running away, afraid of d'Artagnan's angry shouts and his heavy sword.

Now d'Artagnan was alone with Madame Bonacieux. He saw her beautiful face, and for the first time he knew that he was in love.

*He knew that
he was in
love.*

'Sir, thank you for what you've done!' she said warmly.

'It was nothing, Madame. Those men work for the Cardinal.'



They wanted to kidnap you again, I think. They want to know about the Queen's secrets. You're in danger here.'

'Where can I go? There's a plan – I need to be free –'

'I can take you to the house of my friend Athos. He's away tonight, so you'll be alone, and nobody will know you're there.'

'Then please, let's go there now.' She took his arm, and together they went to Athos's house, where d'Artagnan left her.

But later that night Madame Bonacieux went out. She walked quickly to a house in the next street, where the Duke of Buckingham was waiting for her. She took him through a secret door into the palace. The Queen came to meet them, looking more beautiful than ever. Buckingham could not stop himself from **kissing** her feet.

'Sir!' said the Queen. 'We cannot speak for long!'

'But how happy I am to see you, even if only for a moment!' said Buckingham.

'I must tell you now that we can never see each other again. There will be **war** between our two countries, and – and I am married!'

'But love is greater than that! For three long years I've loved you, I've thought of you and hoped that you loved me too!'

'I cannot give you any hope,' said the Queen, looking away. 'Go, sir! If they find you here, you will die! And I'll be very unhappy!'

'You do love me after all! Give me something to keep, something which belongs to you, and I'll go at once!'

'Very well, then. Take these **diamonds**, and think of me.' She gave him a small **wooden** box, and he kissed her hand many times.

'I'll see you again, my Queen!' he cried, leaving the room.

kiss

v. to touch lovingly with your mouth
吻

war

n. fighting between countries and people
战争

diamond

n. a very expensive stone that usually has no colour
钻石

wooden

adj. made of wood
木制的

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READING CHECK

Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

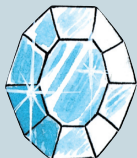
	True	False
a D'Artagnan wants to work for the Cardinal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b D'Artagnan nearly fights with Athos, Porthos and Aramis.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Athos, Porthos and Aramis are soon d'Artagnan's friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d Someone took Monsieur Bonacieux's daughter from his house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e D'Artagnan helps Madame Bonacieux.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f Later Madame Bonacieux takes the Duke of Buckingham to meet the King of France.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g The Queen gives the Duke her diamonds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WORD WORK

1 Match the words in the hat with the pictures.



a palace.....



b

cardinal

e



c

f



kiss

sword

gloves

palace

diamond



d



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2 Use the letters in the gloves to complete these sentences about the story.

a Athos, Porthos and Aramis are m usketeers.

ssukreete

b D'Artagnan is very b _____. He isn't afraid of fighting three musketeers.

erav

c When d'Artagnan b _____ Athos, Athos is angry.

sump onti

d Monsieur de Tréville is the c _____ of the King's soldiers.

nitapa

e The musketeers are very good at fighting with s _____.

sdwro

f Planchet is d'Artagnan's s _____.

tanver

g The Cardinal is the King of France's first m _____.

tenisir

h Someone has k _____ Madame Bonacieux.

pandipde

i The Queen gives a w _____ box to Buckingham.

edono

j Porthos is the o _____ of a fine hat.

ernw

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick four boxes.

- a ☐ We learn more about Monsieur Bonacieux.
- b ☐ We learn more about the Cardinal's plans.
- c ☐ D'Artagnan helps the Queen of France.
- d ☐ D'Artagnan helps the King of France.
- e ☐ D'Artagnan helps the King of England.
- f ☐ D'Artagnan helps the Cardinal.
- g ☐ The three musketeers arrive in England.
- h ☐ Buckingham loses some of the diamonds.