

The Three Musketeers

Book key

1 It happens in about 1630 in France.

2 Open answers

3 a his father

b his mother

c the innkeeper and his men

d a beautiful young woman (Milady)

e the young woman (Milady)

f the important man

4 a Monsieur de Tréville

b Cardinal Richelieu

c Porthos

d Aramis

e Athos

5 a Meung > Tarbes

b fine > funny/stupid

c Duke > Cardinal

d England > Paris

e quiet > loud, hate > love

f can > can't

g innkeeper > important man

6–7 Open answers

8	Who	Where	When
	Athos	behind the church	midday
	Porthos	behind the Luxembourg	1 o'clock
	Aramis	near Monsieur de Treville's house	2 o'clock

9 a the Cardinal's best swordsmen

b with d'Artagnan

c with Bicarot

d the Cardinal's guards

e take five swords to de Tréville

10 Open answers

11 a and d are wrong; b and c are right

12 Open answers

13 a Queen

b Duke (of Buckingham)

c Milady

d Queen

e D'Artagnan

14 1 Chantilly 2 Beauvais 3 Crèvecœur

4 Amiens 5 Calais 6 Dover 7 London

15 Open answers

16 a ... he has to fight a man.

b ... a man hurt him badly.

c ... some men attack him. He cannot get away.

17–18 Open answers

19 a 10 b 2 c 2 d 0 e 12 f 2 g 14

20 a the Queen

b the Cardinal's man

c stay with his friends

d Milady

21 a The Queen and the Duke.

b He thinks that Porthos is d'Artagnan.

c Because he is in love. He thinks the woman doesn't love him.

d She was a bad woman in every way.

22 Open answers

23 a hates b loves c hates d hates

24 in, for, in, to, for

25 a a woman (Milady)

b the Cardinal

c the Duke of Buckingham

d Milady

e Milady

f the French army

26 He wants to talk to them about Milady and the Cardinal. He doesn't want other people to hear.

27 Open answers

28 1 f 2 e 3 a 4 d 5 b 6 c

29 a Milady dies. Her second husband's brother kills her. The Cardinal makes d'Artagnan a lieutenant in the musketeers.

b D'Artagnan has Milady's permit from the Cardinal. He can show it to the King. The King will be very angry with the Cardinal. So the Cardinal has to be nice to d'Artagnan.

30–37 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1 Suggested answers: Kings and Queens, Cardinals, Dukes, castles, carriages, horses, muskets, duels, treasure, cannons, ships

2 Student A: Your horse is stupid/slow/ugly/short/small/strange/thin.

3 Open answers

4 Suggested answers: Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean, 300, Troy, Matrix, Tomb Raider, Braveheart

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5–9 Open answers

10 There were only ten diamond pins in the box.

D'Artagnan was in a dark room when the Queen gave him a diamond. Porthos was ill in bed. Two men from the church talked to Aramis/Aramis wanted to go into the church. D'Artagnan gave Aramis a letter from a woman.

Milady was beautiful and intelligent but she was a bad woman.

11 Make sure the students research the right date as there are many references to La Rochelle.

12 Open answers

13 Suggested answers: Fatal Attraction, Beowulf, Kill Bill, 101 Dalmatians, Catwoman

14–15 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1 a Aramis b De Tréville c Milady
d Cardinal Richelieu e Porthos f Athos
g D'Artagnan
- 2 a inn b sword c box d carriage e fight
f ill g letter h window
- 3 a Athos
b At a church
c A handkerchief
d De Jussac and the Cardinal's guards
e Because there were five guards and only three musketeers.
f De Jussac
- 4 a Athos b Aramis c D'Artagnan d De Jussac
e Porthos
- 5 a diamond b letter c permits d breakfast
e captain f English g office
- 6 a he first saw her
b dance and about the diamonds
c drink to the King
d had to walk
e fell to the ground
f a piece of paper
- 7 a excited b box c angry d smile e arm
f diamond

8 inside – outside

same – different

dark – light

later – earlier

quickly – slowly

quiet – loud

intelligent – stupid

9 a X b ✓ c ✓ d X e ✓ f X g X

10 a 2 b 3 c 1 d 5 e 4

11 a in b to c anything d happy e of f off

12 a workmen b musket c breakfast d husband

e all right f pen

Progress test key

- 1 a He went to Paris.
b Because they laughed at his horse.
c Because everybody in the city knew him.
d Cardinal Richelieu
e Because Athos looked very ill and his face was white.
f Because he wanted to be one of his musketeers.
- 2 a 5 b 3 c 1 d 4 e 2 f 6
- 3 a X b ✓ c X d ✓ e ✓ f X
- 4 a angry
b diamond
c wine cupboard
d letter
e was a bad woman
f Athos
- 5 a Richelieu
b Milady
c Athos
d D'Artagnan
e De Busigny
f Aramis
- 6 a Calais > Portsmouth
b sister > brother
c brothers > husbands
d The King > The Cardinal
e captain > lieutenant
f Aramis > d'Artagnan