



The Three Musketeers



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What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



Have you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions about your day at the dinner table? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are designed to help you look at the people, places,

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and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. The Musketeers' motto is "All for one and one for all." What do you think this means? Do you have any friends that are this loyal to you? Is there anyone to whom you are this loyal?

2. Porthos tells Aramis that he must be either a priest or a Musketeer, but not both. Why do you suppose Aramis can't be both? Which do you think he would be better at? What do you want to be when you grow up?

3. When the King gives D'Artagnan money, the Musketeers tell him to get an assistant. What qualities would you look for in an assistant? Would you ever want to be an assistant to a Musketeer?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

4. Why do you think Athos decides to go to jail for D'Artagnan? Have you ever lied to protect a friend? What's the biggest lie you've ever told?

5. When D'Artagnan tells Monsieur de Tréville that he has a secret, Monsieur de Tréville asks if it is his secret to share. Has anyone ever asked you to keep a secret for them? Were you able to keep yourself from telling? What's the biggest secret you've ever kept?

6. Why do you think Milady hates D'Artagnan so much? Have you ever had an enemy?

7. Why do you suppose Porthos lied about his lady and how he was injured? Have you ever been too embarrassed to tell the truth? What happened?

8. Do you think the Musketeers were right to send Milady away? Should they have let the King or the Cardinal take care of her instead? What would you have done in their place?

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9. Were you surprised that D'Artagnan wrote his own name on the promotion? Would you have done the same? Who do you think was the most deserving of the promotion?

10. Each of the Musketeers is very different from the others. Do you know anyone like these men? Which Musketeer are you the most like?