

The Count of Monte Cristo – Study Guide Ch. 1-26

Chapter 1

1. What tragic event happened on the Pharoan?
2. Why has the ship stopped on the Isle of Elba?
3. What did Danglars say the captain had given Dantès?
4. Why did Dantès ask for two weeks leave?

Chapter 2

1. What happy news does Edmond tell his father?
2. What had Caderousse done to Edmond's father?
3. Who was waiting for Caderousse when he left Edmond's house?

Chapter 3

1. Who was with Mercédès when Dantès arrived? What is their relationship like?
2. Who stops Fernand when he runs out? What do they want with him?
3. What does Dantès have to do in Paris?

Chapter 4

1. What happens before the engagement party?

Chapter 5

1. Who is to be married after the other betrothal feast?
2. Who comes to beg for Dantès?
3. How does Dantès explain his trip to Elba?
4. The letter that Dantès was to take to Paris was addressed to which character?
5. How is Villefort's investigation ironic?
6. What are Villefort's instructions to Dantès regarding the letter?

Chapter 6

1. Where do the guards take Dantès?
2. How did Dantès spend the night?
3. Why does Dantès offer 300 francs to a guard? What is the final outcome of this discussion?

Chapter 7

1. Who does the duke bring to see King Louis XVIII? What is his message?

2. What does the minister come to report?
3. How is Villefort rewarded for his warning?

Chapter 8

1. Was Napoleon successful in his attempt to regain power?
2. Who continued to ask for Dantès's freedom? What happened to Dantès's father?
3. How have Villefort's fortunes changed with the political upheaval?

Chapter 9

1. How had Dantès decided to end his misery?
2. What sound catches his attention after he becomes very weak?
3. How did he test to be sure it was a prisoner?
4. How did Dantès get the saucepan?
5. How long had the other man been in prison?
6. How old is Dantès now? How long has he been in prison?

Chapter 10

1. Where had Dantès's neighbor gotten his tools?
2. Who is his neighbor? How long has he been in prison?
3. Why had he been sent to prison? How had he spent his time in prison?
4. How does Dantès discover the truth behind his situation?
5. What did the two prisoners do during the next year?
6. What did they do for the next 15 months?
7. What happened to the priest once they had finished the trap?
8. What decision did Dantès make when he was sure Faria would not be able to leave?

Chapter 11

1. What is on the paper that Faria shows Dantès?
2. What does Dantès think about this?
3. What fortune is Faria talking about?

Chapter 12

1. What did Dantès hope to do with the fortune?

2. What did the guards do to test Faria's condition?
3. How did Faria help Dantès escape from prison?

Chapter 13

1. How is Dantès rescued?
2. How old was he at this time? How long had he been in prison?
3. What was the occupation of the crew Dantès sailed with? How does this bring him to Monte Cristo?

Chapter 14

1. What "incident" left Dantès alone on the island?
2. How did he uncover the stairway?
3. Which chamber was he looking for? What did he find?

Chapter 15

1. How does Dantès's time in Leghorn compare to his time in Genoa?
2. What does Jacopo report to Dantès?
3. Where does Dantès go now?

Chapter 16

1. Who came to visit Caderousse's inn?
2. What does Caderousse say about Dantès? About the other "friends?"
3. How does the priest reward Caderousse?

Chapter 17

1. What did the Englishman purchase from Monsier de Boville? Who does this help?
2. What information did he find concerning Faria and Dantès? What about the petition?

Chapter 18

1. What state is Morrel's office in? What did the Englishman find out there?
2. What does postponing the bills do for Morrel?

Chapter 19

1. How did Danglars react to Morrel's request for a loan?
2. What was in the purse at the house in the Allees de Meilhan?
3. What was the miracle at the docks?
4. Who was watching the whole scene?

Chapter 20

1. Where are Albert and Franz and what celebration is taking place?
2. What public event did Albert and Franz witness with the Count of Monte Cristo?

Chapter 21

1. What happened with Albert and the “girl that was dressed as a Roman peasant?”
2. How did the Count’s agreement rescue Albert?
3. What favor did the Count ask for in return?

Chapter 22

1. Who arrived in Paris on May 21st?
2. Based on what Maximilien says, how much time has passed since the Morrel firm was saved?

Chapter 23

1. Who was Albert’s mother, also the Countess de Morcerf?
2. What comment of Albert’s causes the Countess’ warning?

Chapter 24

1. Who said that he had killed Villefort? Why did he want to do this?
2. What was Villefort burying? What happened to it?
3. What crimes had Bertuccio seen at Caderousse’s Inn?
4. Who helped release Bertuccio from jail? How had things changed in his household when he was imprisoned?

Chapter 25

1. What did the Count purchase and then send back? What did he send back with them?
2. Who met the Count after the incident with the runaway horses?

Chapter 26

1. Who came to see the Count in this chapter?
2. What does the Count say about men who have a mission to fulfill?