

The Man in the Iron Mask

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The story step by step

- 1 Listen to Chapter 1 on your CD/download. Listen for the sentences below and choose the correct word.
- a Aramis, the Bishop of **Paris / Vannes**, arrived at the terrible Bastille prison.
 - b He saw a **chair / share**, and a plate of food on a small table.
 - c He was **wearing / hearing** a long purple cloak.
 - d 'There was no crime,' said the young man. 'But you are going to **tell / teach** me a secret.'
 - e I **live / lived** in a house with a garden.
 - f My teacher was a very kind man. He **told / tell** me about my parents.

Listen again to Chapter 1 to check your answers, then read pages 6–8.

- 2 Listen to Chapter 2 on the CD/download and put the events listed below in the order you hear them. Focus on the beginning until 'The Queen's soldiers killed them'.
- He heard his teacher running down the stairs.
 - They arrested Philippe and brought him to the Bastille.
 - The young man was in his room at home.
 - Soldiers came to the house.
 - The teacher was worried because he had lost a letter.
 - The nurse went into the garden too.
 - Philippe realised that the nurse and his teacher were talking about him.
 - The nurse tried to calm him.

Listen again to Chapter 2 to check your answers, then read pages 9–11.

3 Now listen to the rest of Chapter 2 on your CD/download, and decide whether the statements below are 'True' (T) or 'False' (F).

a There were no mirrors in Philippe's house. _____

b King Louis XIII was King of France from 1601 to 1634. _____

c Queen Anne gave birth to a boy in September 1638. _____

d The King was happy about his second son. _____

e The nurse took the first boy away from the palace. _____

f The boy lived secretly in a house in the city. _____

g The people of France never knew about the second son. _____

j Aramis wants to make Philippe the King. _____

i Philippe's brother is a good king. _____

j Aramis is going to keep Philippe in prison. _____

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 11–14 of your Reader.

4 Listen to Chapter 3 on your CD/download. Write down 10 regular verbs in the past simple tense that you hear. Only write down the positive forms, and only write each verb once. We have given you the first letter.

w_____ r_____

g_____ w_____

w_____ a_____

m_____ w_____

s_____ g_____

Listen again to Chapter 3 to check your answers, then read pages 15–17 of your Reader.

5 Listen to Chapter 4 on your CD/download, and match the beginnings and endings of these sentences.

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| 1 Aramis was dressed in | a a headache. |
| 2 The governer drank | b some pictures for you. |
| 3 The servant gave Baisemeaux | c the King of France. |
| 4 Aramis exchanged the order with | d the clothes of a soldier. |
| 5 The wine had given Baisemeaux | e the captain of the musketeers. |
| 6 Philippe was standing in | f a carriage. |
| 7 Aramis and Philippe left the Bastille in | g the governor's room. |
| 8 I sent a man to the Bastille with | h his wine quickly. |
| 9 D'Artagnan is | i a paper from his pocket. |
| 10 You are going to make me | j a paper. |

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 18–21 of your Reader.

6 Listen to Chapter 5 on your CD/download. Match these adjectives with the words in the box below. Then listen again to check your answers.

sun man room people meal fireworks gift meetings floor

- a wooden
- b beautiful
- c secret
- d bright
- e expensive
- f important
- g worried
- h gold
- i wonderful

Listen again to Chapter 5 to check your answers, then read pages 22–26 of your Reader.

- 7 Listen to Chapter 6 on your CD/download. Look at the prepositions in the box below, which are all taken from this chapter. Put the prepositions you hear into the gaps to complete each sentence.

to away from in outside next to with
under against from through

- a There were two strange men _____ his bed.
b The King jumped _____ his bed.
c The men pushed him _____ the door.
d They were _____ an underground passage.
e The man opened the door _____ a key.
f Suddenly, they were _____ the house.
g A carriage was waiting _____ some trees.
h Monsieur Baisemeaux came _____ the gate.
i He held a gun _____ the King's head.
j Aramis and Porthos drove _____ the Bastille.

Listen again to Chapter 6 to check your answers, then read pages 27–32 of your Reader.

- 8 Listen again to Chapters 1–6. Can you match the people/events and the places?

A

The Queen used to visit Philippe at
The King of France's palace is
Aramis exchanges Philippe with Louis at
Monsieur Fouquet owns
Aramis visits Philippe at
D'Artagnan meets his friend Porthos at
Philippe is a prisoner in
Monsieur Baisemeaux is the governor of
Soldiers killed Philippe's nurse and teacher at

B

The Bastille
Philippe's home in the country
The Louvre
The Great House at Vaux

9 Listen to Chapter 7 on the CD/download and put these events in the order you hear them.

- D'Artagnan asked Aramis when he became friends with the King.
- The guard laughed and locked the door.
- Aramis woke Philippe.
- Louis shouted and screamed for an hour.
- Aramis gave D'Artagnan the King's order.
- Philippe decided to make Porthos a duke.
- D'Artagnan saw Aramis coming out of the King's room.
- Louis thought Fouquet had put him in the Bastille.

Listen again as many times as you want to check your answers, then read pages 30–32 of your Reader.

10 Listen to Chapter 8 on your CD/download, and complete the sentences below with the words you hear, from the box below.

prisoner criminal traitor sword treasury

- a Thirteen million francs is missing from the _____.
- b The King thinks 'Fouquet is a _____.'
- c Philippe was a _____ for eight years and can be one again.
- d 'You are a _____!' said Fouquet. 'I will kill you!'
- e Porthos put on his cloak and he picked up his _____.

11 Listen to Chapter 9 on your CD/download. You will hear the words in the box below, which feature the vowel sounds: / aɪ /, / ɔ: / and / eɪ /. One of the sounds for each word is underlined. Group the words according to the underlined sound. There are 5 words for each sound. We have done the first ones for you.

take replied order crime traitor brought later inside talk
 face call right away night door

/ eɪ /	/ aɪ /	/ ɔ: /
away	night	door

12 Listen to Chapters 10 and 11 on your CD/download. From what you hear, are these sentences 'True' (T) or 'False' (F)?

- Louis was wearing Philippe's clothes.
 - Philippe kissed the Queen's hand.
 - Louis' face and hair were not the same as Philippe's.
 - Queen Anne fainted.
 - Philippe has a paler face than Louis.
 - D'Artagnan arrests Louis.
 - Louis orders Philippe's face to be covered with an iron mask.
 - Aramis and Athos rode away from Paris towards the west coast.
 - Porthos was happy because the King was going to make him a duke.
 - Aramis told the story of his plot to Athos.
 - D'Artagnan was happy that the musketeers had attacked Fouquet's family.
 - King Louis ordered D'Artagnan to kill his friends Aramis and Porthos.
- Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 41–48 of your Reader.

13 Listen to Chapters 12 and 13 on your CD/download. Write how these conversations continue.

a 'Porthos, what is that, over there?' asked Aramis suddenly.

'It's a _____!' said Porthos. 'No – there are _____, _____, _____ ships!'

b 'Jonathan,' Aramis said. 'Who sent you here?'

'The _____ sent me,' said Jonathan. 'The _____ of the King's _____ gave me this _____ for you.'

c 'Oh!' said Porthos. 'This is bad news.'

'Do not _____, Porthos,' said Aramis. 'We are in _____, but we will get out of this _____.'

d 'The soldiers are coming!' the man shouted.

'They didn't go to the _____,' said Aramis. 'It was a _____!'

e 'What shall we do?' the people of the island asked Aramis.

'My _____,' said the _____. 'The King has _____ Monsieur Fouquet. Now you must _____ the King's _____.'

f 'Are you there, Yves?' Aramis said quietly. 'Is everything ready?'

'____, monsieur,' _____ replied. 'I am here. _____ is here. And his _____ is with us too.'

g 'Porthos! Porthos!' Aramis shouted, but he was too late.

Aramis heard his _____'s last cry of _____. Then everything was _____.

14 Listen to Chapter 14 on your CD/download. Match the names of the different Musketeers with what happens to them.

Aramis died at his home in Blois.

D'Artagnan escaped to Spain and lived a free man.

Porthos died bravely fighting for his king.

Athos was killed by a rock at Locmaria.

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 61–63 of your Reader.