A Before Reading

1. Look at pages 4 to 7. Are these sentences True or False? T F
   (a) Alexandre Dumas came from The Netherlands.
   (b) The Black Tulip is a true story.

2. Here are some chapter titles from this story. Make some guesses. Put the titles in the correct order.

   Lovenstein Prison  The Truth at Last  Two Tulip-growers
   The Prize  Murder in the Street

3. Look at the back cover of this book. Look at pages 4 to 7. Now look at The People in This Story on page 8. Which names do you know?

B While Reading

4. Here is a part of the map from the Contents page. Where does each chapter happen? Mark the map after you have read each chapter.

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   Haarlem
   THE HAGUE
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5 Make notes about each of these characters. Fill in this chart.

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6 Look at Chapter 5. What happened on 20th August 1672? Write a few notes.

7 What happened to the three tulip bulbs? Fill in the chart.

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C After Reading

8 There are several handwritten notes and letters in this book.
   (a) Why is each note or letter important?
   (b) Which note or letter is the most important? Why?

9 Which flowers are famous or special in your country? Are there stories about them?