The Treasure of Monte Cristo

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A Before Reading

1 This story is an adventure story about a hidden treasure. There are many stories like this. Have you seen the films Raiders of The Lost Ark, Treasure Island or Pirates of the Caribbean? These are all adventure stories about a hidden treasure. Do you know of any other similar stories?

2 Below are five pictures from the story.
   (a) What can you tell from the pictures?
   (b) Try to guess in which order they appear in the book.
   (c) What do you think happens in this adventure? Make up a short story based on the pictures below.

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B While Reading

3 Read chapters 1 to 5. Choose the right character to answer the following questions; there could be more than one person for each answer.

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<td>Who is engaged to be married?</td>
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<td>Who owns or works on a ship?</td>
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<td>Who is jealous of Edmond Dantès?</td>
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<td>Who is in love with Mercédès?</td>
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<td>Who betrays Edmond Dantès for their own benefit?</td>
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4 Edmond Dantès goes to many places in this story. Find the following places on the map, and put them in the order he visits them.

- The ship Jeune-Amélie
- Les Catalans
- Island of Monte Cristo
- Corsica
- Island of If
- Island of Tiboulen
- Marseille
- Leghorn

C After Reading

5 (a) What do you think Dantès will do with the treasure? Make a list of the things he will do first now that he is wealthy.
(b) What will he do about Mercédès, Gérard de Villefort, Danglars and Fernand?
(c) What would you do if you suddenly became very wealthy?

6 Imagine Edmond Dantès can write one letter to Mercédès from his prison on the island of If. Write that letter.

7 This book is to be made into a film. Say which actors will play the main characters and why you have chosen them. Design a film poster and a short radio advertisement.