

## Writing Prompts After the Reading

1. Was the Count's revenge justified? Can he be forgiven for the actions he has taken?
2. Why did he stop before he entirely destroyed Danglars? Why did he try to help Villefort at the end? Why did he try to repay Mercedes and Albert?
3. How is the Count's revenge similar to the "revenge" which the Christian world has taken on the Jews over the centuries? How is it different? What is the relationship between the two groups like now? Based on this relationship, do you think the Count's friendship with Albert and Mercedes can be restored?
4. Put yourself in the place of Maximilien and Valentine. What will you do with the fortune the Count has left to you?
5. What does *The Count of Monte Cristo* say about justice? What about redemption? How else might Edmond have reacted upon escaping from prison? What does his story teach us about the nature of humanity?