

Writing Prompts During the Reading

1. Imagine you are Edmond Dantes, and after years of false imprisonment and suffering you have just uncovered an incalculable fortune. What will you do with it? How and why? What will you do first? Lay out your plans for the way you think Edmond ought to use his fortune.
2. You are imprisoned within the Chateau d'If. Plan your escape. Include details of how much time you will need, how you will avoid detection, and how you will avoid recapture by the authorities once you are out. How do you think Edmond will escape from prison?
3. How is Edmond's suffering like Odysseus'? How is it like Jean Valjean's? How is it like Anne Frank's? How is it like Joan of Arc's? How is it like Thomas More's?
4. In your opinion, who is "guiltiest" for sending Edmond to prison? Who do you think he will cause to suffer most while taking his revenge?
5. Put yourself in the position of Paris society, specifically people like Danglars, Villefort, and Morcerf. Do you trust the newly arrived Count of Monte Cristo? Why or why not? How do you react to him or deal with him?