Study Guide Chapters 1-17: *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas

**Vocabulary Terms**

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| **Term**  | **Definition**  |
| **Vigilant** |  |
| **Melancholy**  |  |
| **Imperceptible**  |  |
| **Obsequious**  |  |
| **Purser**  |  |
| **Insinuation**  |  |
| **Indignant**  |  |
| **Imprudence**  |  |
| **Repugnant**  |  |
| **Prodigious**  |  |

Use the following questions as a guide throughout your reading to follow the plotline of the story.

These questions will be used during class and you should be prepared to discuss them.

**Chapter 1**

1. When and where does the story begin?

2. How old is Edmond Dantés?

3. What is the name of Dantés’ ship?

4. Why did Morrel anxiously meet the ship?

5. Why does the ship stop at the Isle of Elba?

6. How does Danglars show his jealousy of Dantés?

**Chapter 2**

7. What is the physical condition of Louis Dantés?

8. How does this happen?

9. Why might Caderousse be jealous of Dantés?

**Chapter 3**

10. Where did Dantés plan to go after he married Mercédès? Why?

11. Why is Fernand jealous of Dantés?

**Chapter 4**

12. What is Dantés celebrating?

13. What happened to mar the occasion?

**Chapter 5**

14. Whom do the royalists support?

15. Who is trying to overthrow the king?

16. By what two names are the supporters of Napoleon called?

17. Why do the Royalists despise the Revolutionists?

18. What is Monsieur de Villefort celebrating?

19. Who is Villefort’s father? What was he?

20. What was Villefort’s job?

21. To whom is Dantés’ letter addressed?

22. Why does Villefort imprison Dantés?

**Chapter 6**

23. To which prison is Dantés taken?

**Chapter 7**

24. What did Villefort warn King Louis XVIII about?

25. What is his purpose in warning the king?

26. How did Villefort get this information?

**Chapter 8**

27. What is the “Court of 100 Days?”

28. What is the Second Restoration?

29. Who tried desperately to free Dantés? Why did he stop trying?

30. Who took care of Louis Dantés after Edmond’s imprisonment?

**Chapter 9**

31. What stopped Dantés from starving himself to death?

32. What is Dantés’ age? What is the year?

**Chapter 10**

33. Who is the other prisoner?

34. Why had he been imprisoned?

35. How does he plan to escape?

36. Other than the chisel, pincer and crowbar, list a few ingenious items the priest made.

37. What does the priest help Dantés figure out?

38. Describe how Dantés feels when he learns who may have plotted against him.

39. Why is the priest unable to escape? What does Dantés do about it?

**Chapter 11**

40. What secret does the priest show to Dantés?

**Chapter 12**

41. Where is the Isle of Monte Cristo?

42. How does Dantés escape?

**Chapter 13**

43. What was the weather like when Dantés reached the Isle of Tiboulen?

44. What story did Dantés tell to the smugglers?

45. How old is Dantés? What is the date?

46. How does Dantés get to the Isle of Monte Cristo?

**Chapter 14**

47. Summarize how Dantés find the hidden chest.

**Chapter 15**

48. What does Dantés ask Jacopo to do?

49. What news does Jacopo bring to him?

50. Where does Dantés go next?

**Chapter 16**

51. What is Caderousse’s occupation?

52. What is the priest’s name and who was he?

53. According to Caderousse, what has happened to...

a. Louis Dantés

b. Morrel

c. Danglars

d. Fernand

e. Mercédès

f. Villefort

54. What does the priest want in exchange for the diamond? Predict why he may want this.

**Chapter 17**

55. The Mayor of Marseilles sent the Englishman to Monsieur de Boville, who is the Inspector of the Prisons. What did he steal? Why?