Before Reading

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES (PAGE 76)

ACTIVITY 1 BEFORE READING
1 Paris and London.
2 In the Bastille prison in Paris.
3 Lucie.
4 ‘Jacques’.
5 ‘A terrible machine of death’, with a sharp knife that cuts off people’s heads.

ACTIVITY 2 BEFORE READING
Encourage students to speculate and to make guesses but do not tell them the answers. They will find out as they read that the only ‘yes’ answers are numbers 5 and 6.

ACTIVITY 3 BEFORE READING
In France in the 18th century rich noblemen owned most of the land, and the poor had nothing. They had hard lives, did not have enough to eat, and hated the King and his noblemen.

While Reading

CHAPTERS 1 TO 3 WHILE READING
1 Jerry Cruncher
2 Jarvis Lorry
3 Monsieur Defarge
4 Madame Defarge
5 Lucie’s father, Dr Manette
6 Charles Darnay
7 Sydney Carton
8 Miss Pross

CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 WHILE READING
1 Who . . .? The child of a man called Gaspard.
2 How . . .? By holding on under the Marquis’s coach.
3 How . . .? He felt they were hard, cruel landowners.
4 What . . .? He was killed by Gaspard (‘Jacques’), who pushed a knife through his heart while he was sleeping.
5 Who . . .? Charles Darnay, and Sydney Carton.
6 What . . .? To remember that there was a man who would give his life to keep someone she loved alive and close to her.
7 What . . .? He told Dr Manette his real name, which, since his uncle’s death, was the Marquis of Evrémonde.
8 What . . .? It brought back memories of the Bastille, and for nine days and nine nights he returned to his old prison work of making shoes.

CHAPTERS 6 AND 7 WHILE READING
1 Jacques Five, about Gaspard’s dead body after the soldiers had killed him.
2 Madame Defarge, about the Revolution.
3 John Barsad, about whether Ernest Defarge is called Jacques or not.
4 Ernest Defarge, about the attack on the Bastille.
5 Jarvis Lorry, about Jerry Cruncher, who was going to take care of Mr Lorry on his trip to Paris.
6 Charles Darnay, about the Marquis of Evrémonde (himself).
7 Charles Darnay, about being a prisoner himself, and remembering Dr Manette’s many years in the Bastille.

CHAPTERS 8 AND 9 WHILE READING
1 F Dr Manette was safe in Paris.
2 F Lucie was very afraid of Madame Defarge.
3 T
4 F Most of the prisoners were sent to the Guillotine.
5 T
6 F He agreed to help, if his life was not put in danger.
7 F Mr Lorry was planning to leave Paris the next day.

CHAPTERS 10 AND 11 WHILE READING
14+12 2+16 3+15 4+10 5+17 6+14 7+18 8+11 9+13
Darnay appeared before the Tribunal a second time, because he was accused by three citizens. When Dr Manette heard that he was one of the accusers, he spoke angrily to the Tribunal. But Defarge explained that he had found a paper written by Dr Manette in the Bastille, and he read it aloud to the Tribunal. The paper told a story of the Evrémonde brothers, who had caused the deaths of four members of a family. The people were so angry to hear of these crimes that they said Darnay must go to the Guillotine the next day. After the trial, Sydney Carton went to the Defarges’ wine-shop, where he heard Madame Defarge talking about her family. Madame Defarge did not want to stop the killing until all the Evrémonde family were dead. Dr Manette could do nothing to help Darnay because his mind had returned to the past. Carton, however, had a plan, which he kept to himself.

BEFORE READING CHAPTERS 12 AND 13
Open answers. Encourage speculation. Do not give the answers, which are:
1 Sydney Carton is going to change clothes with Charles Darnay, so that Charles can escape, and Sydney will die in his place.
2 Lucie, her father, little Lucie, Charles and Mr Lorry.
3 Madame Defarge will be killed by Miss Pross. We do not know what will happen to Ernest Defarge.
4 Sydney Carton and the others who will be sent to the Guillotine.

After Reading

**ACTIVITY 1 AFTER READING**

Lucie Manette – the doctor's daughter
Jarvis Lorry – an old friend of the Manettes
Madame Defarge – a good knitter
Dr Manette – once a prisoner in the Bastille
Charles Darnay – the Marquis's nephew
Sydney Carton – a lawyer
John Barsad – Miss Pross's brother
Gaspard – the killer of the Marquis

**ACTIVITY 2 AFTER READING**

PARIS: Ernest Defarge, Dr Manette, Gaspard, the Marquis of Evrémonde, Gabelle
LONDON: Jarvis Lorry, Sydney Carton, Lucie Manette, Jerry Cruncher, Mr Stryver

**ACTIVITY 3 AFTER READING**

5 DARNAY: Dr Manette, we said I would tell you my real name on the morning of my marriage – you remember?
3 DR MANETTE: Yes, I remember. But must you tell me?
10 DARNAY: Yes, I must. I cannot marry your daughter without telling you who I really am.
1 DR MANETTE: Very well, then. Who are you?
8 DARNAY: My name is Evrémonde, and since my uncle died, I have been the Marquis of Evrémonde. But I am not proud of this name, and I will never use it.
13 DR MANETTE: Evrémonde!
2 DARNAY: Dr Manette, you look so pale! Does this name hold memories for you?
9 DR MANETTE: No, no. No, not at all. I have never heard the name before.
4 DARNAY: Are you sure, Dr Manette? When I spoke the name, I thought you had seen a ghost.
7 DR MANETTE: There are many ghosts in my past, Charles. But I am quite sure. The name means nothing to me.
12 DARNAY: Then may I tell Lucie, too?
14 DR MANETTE: No! Promise me, Charles, that you will never tell Lucie, or anyone else, that your name is Evrémonde.
11 DARNAY: Yes, I promise. But why must it be a secret?
6 DR MANETTE: Some things are best kept secret, that's all. But come, we must go – my daughter is waiting.

**ACTIVITY 4 AFTER READING**

1+8 It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.
2+10 It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of sadness.
3+9 It was the season of light, it was the season of darkness.
4+6 It was a strange message, and a stranger answer.
5+7 It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known.

**ACTIVITY 5 AFTER READING**

Possible answers:
1 Sydney Carton and Charles Darnay looked very similar, but their characters were very different.
2 Life in France was easy for the rich, but it was hard for the poor.
3 When the Marquis killed a child, the child’s father killed the Marquis.
4 The Revolution killed those who were guilty; it also killed those who were innocent.
5 Miss Pross was a friend of Dr Manette's family, but Madame Defarge was their enemy.
6 Charles Darnay loved Lucie and lived, but Sydney Carton loved Lucie and died.

**ACTIVITY 6 AFTER READING**

My dearest wife,
I am leaving for France very soon. I must go, because my old servant Gabelle needs my help. When you read this, I shall be on my way. I did not tell you before, because I knew you would worry. I promise I will write to you when I arrive, to let you know I am safe.
Take care of yourself and little Lucie, and your father.
Your loving husband, Charles

**ACTIVITIES 7 AND 8 AFTER READING**

Open answers.