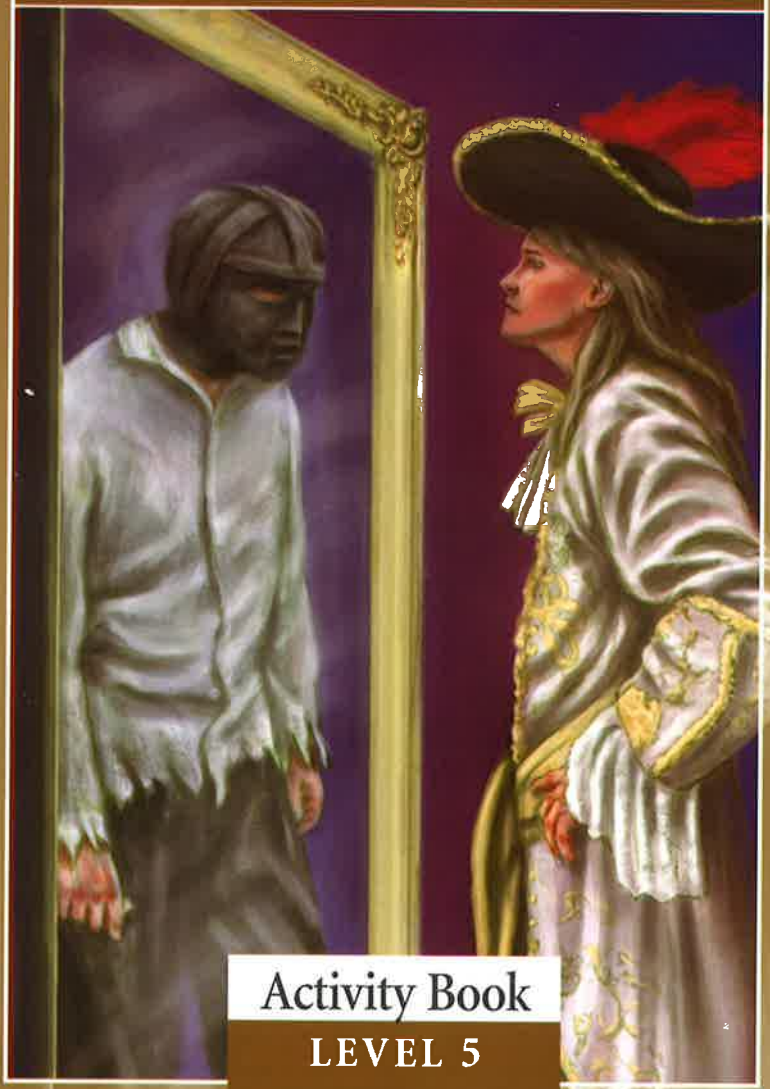
GRADED READERS

THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK

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CHAPTER 1

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A. Read the following sentences. In each box, write T if the sentence is True and F if it is False.

1 Madame de Chevreuse had the Queen Mother's full support. F
2 The Duchess had her house taken from her. T
3 Aramis tried to blackmail the Duchess. F
4 Aramis gave the Duchess some money. F
5 The Queen Mother had a heart attack. F
6 Madame de Motteville was disguised as a nun. F
7 The Queen Mother had two children. T
8 The King had one of his sons hidden away. T
9 The Queen Mother lied to the Duchess. T
10 The Queen Mother refused to give the Duchess any money. F

B. Answer the following questions.

1 What does Aramis mean when he says "My musketeer days are long gone"?
Aramis was a musketeer serving in the Queen's guard several years before, but now he is the Bishop of Vannes.

2 How does Madame de Chevreuse have to earn a living these days?
She has been forced to turn to questionable means to earn a living.

3 Why are Madame de Chevreuse's papers dangerous to Fouquet?
Because the papers prove that Fouquet, the King's treasurer, has stolen 30 million francs from the State.

4 When was the first time the Queen experienced the attacks of pain and what happened that day?
It was on the fifth of September, the day that the Queen gave birth to two identical twins, Philippe and Louis.

5 Why did the King hide one of his sons?
Because he thought that having two heirs to the throne would only lead to trouble for France.

C. Find words in Chapter 1 which mean the same as:

1 said that something is true — claimed (page 4)
2 the state of having lost all one's money — bankruptcy (page 4)
3 almost — practically (page 4)
4 owing a lot of money — in debt (page 4)
5 not genuine — false (page 6)
6 think less of someone — underestimate (page 6)
7 looked angrily at — glared (page 6)
8 closed (a door) angrily — slammed shut (page 6)
9 made a worried facial expression — frowned (page 7)
10 extreme sadness — sorrow (page 7)
11 without really wanting to — reluctantly (page 8)
12 exactly the same — identical (page 8)
13 private teacher — tutor (page 10)
14 prison — jail (page 10)

D. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

1 Smoking is bad for you but passive smoking is also very ___harmful___. **HARM**
2 Mary got a job as an ___adviser___ to the new Prime Minister. **ADVISE**
3 Michael is in ___possession___ of a wonderful painting by Picasso. **POSSESS**
4 When the Smiths had finished building their house they were ___practically___ bankrupt. **PRACTICAL**
5 If you find something someone lost, the ___honourable___ thing to do is to give it back. **HONOUR**
6 The ill boy's mother sat ___anxiously___ by his bed waiting for him to wake up. **ANXIOUS**

C. The main events of *The Man in the Iron Mask* are summarised below. Find and correct the mistakes. If a line is correct, put a tick (✓).

The story begins with Madame de Chevreuse ~~leaving~~	arriving
Aramis's house where she attempts to blackmail him	✓
by telling him that she had papers which proved that	✓
Monsieur ~~Colbert~~ was stealing money from the	Fouquet
~~Queen~~. When Aramis refuses to help her, she goes to	State
the Queen and asks her for a loan which she gets.	✓
The ~~Duchess~~ has a secret which only Aramis and the	Queen
Duchess know about. Because of the Duchess' visit,	✓
Aramis makes a plan to swap one of the Queen's	✓
~~daughters~~ for the other who is in prison. Louis is	sons
King of France but he has an identical ~~brother~~ who	twin
was imprisoned in the Bastille by his father in order	✓
to avoid civil war. Aramis persuades Fouquet to	✓
organise a party in ~~Philippe's~~ honour and he	Louis's
manages to swap the two brothers. King Louis was	✓
taken to the Bastille ~~castle~~ and Philippe went to his	prison
bedroom in Vaux. In the meantime, the King had	✓
decided to ~~free~~ Fouquet and D'Artagnan was sent to	arrest
do the job. He explained to Fouquet that Colbert	✓
had shown the King ~~letters~~ that proved he had stolen	receipts
money. Fouquet told D'Artagnan that he had just	✓
~~stolen~~ the money and that Aramis would back him	borrowed
up. Unfortunately D'Artagnan couldn't ~~arrest~~	find
Aramis. When Aramis returned from imprisoning	✓
Louis in the Bastille, he explained to D'Artagnan	✓
that Fouquet was no longer to be placed under	✓
arrest. Aramis then explained that the King had	✓

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released Fouquet and that he ~~shouldn't~~ be set free.	should
Then Aramis explained to Fouquet what he and	✓
Porthos had done. Fouquet was ~~thrilled~~ by what	horrified
Aramis told him and said he was going to ~~imprison~~	release
the King immediately from the Bastille. He also	✓
advised Aramis and Porthos to leave and go to his	✓
home ~~in Vaux~~ where the King's soldiers were not	on Belle Isle
allowed to go. Fouquet frees the King from the	✓
Bastille. They go to Vaux where ~~D'Artagnan~~ has	Louis
Philippe put in ~~a golden~~ mask and sent to Sainte	an iron
Marguerite island. Then, Louis's soldiers kill Porthos	✓
and capture Aramis who is put in the Bastille.	✓
However, D'Artagnan disguised as a ~~guard~~ helps	priest
him escape and Aramis sets off for ~~Belle Isle~~ to free	Sainte Marguerite
Philippe.	✓

