

Topic of Research - Château d'If

Student 1 (Johan Jo) - The construction and original purpose of the Château d'If

Haunted by → King François Premier (1)

Student 2 (Sadie Hadaway) - The Château d'If as a prison

Haunted by → Jean Baptiste Kléber

Student 3 (Kelsey Kavookjian) - The château today

Haunted by → Abbé Faria

Student 4 (Kelsey Sumner) - The city of Marseille

Haunted by → The Huguenots

Fact Sheet  
Student 1

1. What purpose did the island serve before the château was built?
2. What interesting event happened on the island in 1515 before the château was built?
3. When was the château built? For what purpose?
4. What controversy surrounded the construction of the château?
5. Describe the construction of the château.
6. What characteristics of the château are used for military protection? What city is protected by the château?
7. Describe the location of the island and château.

List 3 other interesting facts related to your topic to add to the "fact sheet":

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Student 2

1. What approximate date did the château become a prison?
2. What made the location ideal for a prison?
3. Describe the first prisoners and their quarters.
4. Research the French Protestants (Huguenots) who were sent to the prison and tell about their experience there.
5. Did any prisoners actually escape from the château?
6. Tell about some of the famous prisoners imprisoned there.
7. Why did the prison close? What was the château used for after it was no longer being used as a prison?

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Student 3

1. What is the status of the château today?
2. Is it possible to visit the château? How is it accessed?
3. Tell how much it would cost to visit for a typical tourist. What amenities are available on the island?
4. What nearby islands are of interest to tourists? What can be done there?
5. Did any prisoners actually escape from the château?
6. How many people visit the château each year?
7. What famous legends draw tourists to this spot although the legends are not historically true?

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Student 4

1. Describe some famous sites and monuments to visit in Marseille.
2. Suppose you are an art lover - what artwork is there to see in Marseille?
3. Marseille is known for its agreeable climate - what outdoor activities or sports are popular there?
4. Describe the local cuisine (gastronomy).
5. What are some sites that a tourist should definitely not miss when they go to Marseille (things you can't see anywhere else!)?
6. What are the city's demographics? What types of people live there?
7. How far is Marseille from other notable cities? How can you get there easily?

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Student 5

1. Discuss the popularity of the château in film.
2. Find some interesting biographical information about the author, Alexandre Dumas père and share it in your presentation.
3. What other recognizable novels did this author write?
4. Describe the importance of "the sea" as a symbol in the novel *Le Comte de Monte-Cristo*.
5. Themes are the fundamental and often universal ideas explored in a literary work - name 2 or 3 themes in the novel.
6. Why have some filmmakers chosen to replace the real Château d'If with a substitute in their films?
7. What about the story written by Dumas makes it timeless and enjoyable for all ages? Why, in your opinion, is it a popular book and movie?

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