"THE 4th MUSKETEER" (SYNOPSIS)

from the play "The 4th Musketeer" by FORUM THEATRE & EDUCATION

A long, long time ago, in the time of King Louis XIII, in the small village of Gascony, the brave young D'Artagnan takes the road to Paris to fulfill his dream of becoming a Musketeer, serving the King and Queen of France and protecting them. D'Artagnan leaves home on a horse, with thirty pieces of silver and a letter of recommendation written by his father and must be delivered to Monsieur de Treville (Musketeers' boss).

As D'Artagnan is very tired, he decides to rest at an inn, where he is served by an innkeeper and his assistant, the young Planchet. D'Artagnan insists that his dream is to become a Musketeer and the innkeeper offers him food and drink in exchange for a coin. At one point in the conversation, the young D'Artagnan tells the innkeeper that he wants to fight against the evil Cardinal Richelieu. But the innkeeper is actually not an innkeeper, but Milady de Winter, a friend and ally of Cardinal Richelieu. So she poisons D´Artagnan´s food and drink and this results in D'Artagnan fainting.
The innkeeper (Milady de Winter) steals all D'Artagnan´s money and the letter from his father.

When D'Artagnan awakes, he is very angry and he starts to practice with the sword ready to avenge. During this time, Athos, the King´s Musketeer laughs at him. Not knowing that Athos is a King´s Musketeer he challenges him to a duel and Athos wins. Very friendly, he tells D'Artagnan that with his help and the help of the other two Musketeers Aramis and Porthos he will learn the rules to become a good Musketeer and their motto "All for one and one for all.



The rules go very well for D'Artagnan because he learns how to use a sword correctly and feels safer. Then he goes to Paris to become a Musketeer. Athos, Porthos, and Aramis say goodbye to D'Artagnan and wish him good luck.

D'Artagnan arrives in Paris and meets the evil Cardinal Richelieu, whose desire is to eliminate the Musketeers forever. D'Artagnan discovers Cardinal Richelieu´s plan to be the new King of France. He defeats the evil Cardinal. This makes the Queen of France very happy and she orders that D'Artagnan become a new Musketeer and so he gets to fulfil his dream.

(Adapted text from the written activities from the play "The 4th Musketeer" by FORUM THEATRE & EDUCATION)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1.– LOOK UP THESE WORDS OR EXPRESSIONS IN A DICTIONARY:

long time ago:

to take the road:

to fulfill a dream:

to become:

to serve:

to leave home:

a piece of silver:

to deliver:

letter of recommendation:

boss:

to rest:

inn:

inkeeper:

in exchange for a coin:

to offer:

to want:

to fight:

evil:

ally:

actually:

to poison:

fainting:

to steal:

to awake:

angry:

sword:

to avenge:

to laugh at:

he challenges him to a duel:

friendly:

to win:

motto:

to feel safe:

to wish good luck:

to arrive:

to meet:

to desire:

forever:

to defeat:

to order:

2.– ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1.– What is the King's name?

2.– Where does D'Artagnan come from?

3.– How much money does D'Artagnan have?

4.– Where does D'Artagnan have a rest?

5.– Who is really the innkeeper?

6.– What does Milady de Winter do to D'Artagnan?

7.– Who wins the duel in the story?

8.– What does Cardinal Richelieu wants to do?

9.– Who orders that D'Artagnan become a new Musketeer?

10.– What is the famous motto of this story?

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