# The Characters

This activity accompanies chapter 1 from *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas, record number 5502.

**Activity Title:** The Characters

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to write a list of the characters, and predictions about how the characters will interact with each other.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Character Analysis and Predictions

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will create a list of characters, and write predictions about how the characters will interact with each other.

**Materials:**

- *The Count of Monte Cristo*, chapter 1, available in audio and print form at http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/
- Paper and pencils

**Procedures:**

Before beginning to read the book, discuss with the students the time period in which it was written, and any questions or comments the students have about the book. Next, read the chapter with the students, or have them read it on their own. Then, have the students work with a partner to create a list of characters, have them include characteristics for each character. Also, have the partners write predictions about how they think the characters will interact with each other. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their predictions and character analyses.