

Chapters LIX – LXI

Chapters 59-61

Vocabulary

Name: _____

Class: _____ Period: _____

Date: _____

somnolence – excessive sleepiness

*This state of nervous excitement pursued Valentine even into her sleep, or rather into that **somnolence** that succeeded her waking hours.*

peignoir – (payn-wahr) – a lightweight, woman’s dressing gown or robe

*She saw a woman dressed in a white **peignoir** pouring out a liquid from a flask.*

paroxysm – a sudden, uncontrollable outburst

*“Dead! Dead!” sighed Villefort in a **paroxysm** of grief...*

complaisance – willingness to defer to the wishes of others

*...my heart is sick at the thought that my cowardly **complaisance** has aided the murderer.*

puritanical – practicing strict moral or religious behavior

*There’s our **puritanical** public prosecutor, Monsieur de Villefort, who’s losing his whole family in a strange manner.*

1. Who visits Valentine during the night, and why?

2. Who does Valentine discover is poisoning her? Why does this person want Valentine dead?

3. What did the Count give to Valentine, and what were his instructions to her?

4. What happened to the glass that Madame de Villefort had emptied during the night?

5. Who reveals the identity of the murderer to Villefort?

6. What did Madame de Morcerf and Albert do with General de Morcerf's fortune?

7. What does the Count visit Danglars for?

8. How does this affect Danglars? What does he plan to do?



Valentine is poisoned from *The Count of Monte Cristo* at
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