

After you read

32 Who says these words and why are they important in the story?

a "This little shoe is the only thing that the gypsies left me."

b "All that I ever loved!"

33 Work with another student. Have this conversation.

Student A: You saw the attacks on the Cathedral, but you did not see Esmeralda's death. Speak to your friend about what you saw. Ask questions about Esmeralda.

Student B: You did not see the attacks on the Cathedral. Ask your friend about them. Answer your friend's questions about the deaths of Esmeralda and Sachette.

34 Discuss these questions.

a Is the end of the story a good one? Why (not)?

b Would you like a different ending? What is it?

Writing

35 You are a reporter for a Paris newspaper. You were in the Great Hall today, January 6, 1482. Write a news report about what happened there.

36 You are Frollo. You have taken the young Quasimodo into the cathedral and you are teaching him. The head of the cathedral asks you for a report. He wants to know why you took this ugly hunchback boy into the cathedral. Give your reasons. Tell him what the boy has learned.

37 You are Fleur-de-Lys de Gondelaurier. Every day, you write in a notebook what you did that day. Write about the day Phoebus visited you and your friends. Write about the gypsy girl who danced.

38 You are Madame Falourdel, the hotel keeper. When Phoebus and Esmeralda are found in a room in your hotel, the police ask you for a full report of that evening. You must write about everything that happened. Who did you see? When? What did you hear? When? What did you think?

39 Who do you think is the most interesting person in this story? Write about that person. What are they like? What did they do? What happened to them? Why?

40 Imagine that you are looking for a husband. Choose one of these people: Phoebus, Gringoire, Frollo, Quasimodo. Write about the man. Give your reasons for choosing him.

41 A movie company wants to make a movie of this story, but the ending is too sad. Write a new, happier ending. Start from Sachette's realization that Esmeralda is her lost daughter.

42 Did you enjoy this book? Write about it for other students. Tell them about the book and why they should (not) read it.

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