



A TALE OF TWO CITIES

CHARLES DICKENS

STAGE 4
B2
YOUNG ADULT READERS

ACTIVITIES

Put these words in the correct order.

1 times, It was | of | the worst | best | it was | the | the age | of times, | of stupidity | the age | it was | of wisdom, | it was

2 a murderer. | tell | didn't | The courts | to be able | a thief | seem | to | between | the difference | and

3 in a suit | well-kept. | He was | formal | dressed | that | little | but | was a | brown | worn, | very

4 in terrible | know | identity | let anyone | We mustn't | danger. | or | he | his true | will be

5 pushed him | large, | immediately | back against | called for | ran into | and a | Mr Lorry | help | woman | the room | and | the wall. | wild-looking

6 If | have been | nature | me | across | do you | salt water, | I think | would | on an island? | had intended | to go | born

11 It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of stupidity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; 2 The courts didn't seem to be able to tell the difference between a thief and a murderer; 3 He was dressed in a formal brown suit that was a little worn, but very well-kept; 4 We mustn't let anyone know his true identity or he will be in terrible danger; 5 Mr Lorry called for help and immediate a large, wild-looking woman ran into the room and pushed him back against the wall; 6 If nature had intended me to go across salt water, do you think I would have been born on an island?



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TEST YOURSELF

Who said this?

Sydney Carton - Jerry Cruncher - Defarge - Gaspard
Mr Jarvis Lorry - Doctor Manette - Miss Pross
Marquis St. Evrémonte

- 1 Come then! Patriots and friends we are ready! To the Bastille!

- 2 'You dogs! I would happily ride over any of you with my horses!'

- 3 'Why should I like him, just because he looks like me? No, he has shown me what I could have been.'

- 4 'I do know the courts at the Old Bailey: only a very little. I'm an honest man, sir.'

- 5 One Hundred and Five, North Tower.

- 6 'Couldn't you tell her what you had to without frightening her to death?'

- 7 Drive him fast to his grave, Jacques.

- 8 'Well, Jerry tell them that my answer is Recalled to life.'



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FCE – Writing

Word building. Use the word in bold to make the correct word for the space.

- 1 Defarge smiled at The Vengeance as the sentence came:
_____ in twenty-four hours.

EXECUTE

- 2 Lucie asked for, and was given, _____ to speak to her husband one last time.

PERMIT

- 3 Sydney Carton was _____ and brave.

DECIDE

- 4 Jerry had promised to give up his night-time 'fishing' for bodies to sell, if only the Manettes got back to England in _____.

SAFE

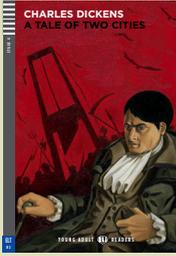
- 5 Miss Pross couldn't answer any of his _____ questions, because she couldn't hear them.

CONCERN

- 6 They said about him in the city that night, that no man ever had a more peaceful _____ on his face.

EXPRESS

1 execution; 2 permission; 3 decisive; 4 safety; 5 concerned; 6 expression



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FOCUS ON...

Dickens Museum 48 Doughty Street, London

'My house in town', as Dickens referred to 48 Doughty Street. In this house his eldest two daughters were born, his sister-in-law Mary died aged 17 and some of his novels were written. Visitors to the museum can step back into the Victorian era and see Dickens's personal possessions.

- On the third Saturday of the month, visitors can enjoy costumed tours of the property.
- Throughout the year there are also a selection of Dickens walking tours around the city, showing off the places which inspired his great tales. The walk costs lasts two hours, starting from the museum itself, ending at St Paul's Cathedral.
- On June 14th you can enjoy a Victorian Tea Party, where visitors can have tea inside Dickens' house and eat baked treats inspired by Catherine Dickens' cookbook *What Shall We Have for Dinner?*
- Visitors can also celebrate Bastille Day on July 14th and 15th with a costumed reading of 'A Tale of Two Cities'. With well over 200 million copies sold, the novel is one of Dickens' most famous works.

