

The Count of Monte Cristo

Alexandre Dumas

Why are 'wait and hope' a different kind of wisdom from Monte Cristo's earlier need to control outcomes?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes

Wait and hope

FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter 117 · The Fifth of October
START	Live, then, and be happy, beloved children of my heart
END	all human wisdom is summed up in two words: 'Wait and hope.'
PASSAGE ID	sec-mc-04

THE MOVE

End a revenge narrative with a principle that limits certainty

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Monte Cristo has spent much of the novel trying to control consequences with extraordinary precision. 'Wait and hope' ends that pattern by accepting limits on what any person can know or command.

MARK

Underline the final advice about waiting and hoping. Circle any language that acknowledges uncertainty or the future. In the margin, contrast that attitude with the earlier logic of planning, punishment, and control.

NOTICE

- What does 'wait' require a person to stop trying to control?
- What does 'hope' allow without claiming certainty?
- Why is this principle a meaningful ending to a story driven by carefully engineered outcomes?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why are 'wait and hope' a different kind of wisdom from Monte Cristo's earlier need to control outcomes? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why are 'wait and hope' a different kind of wisdom from Monte Cristo's earlier need to control outcomes? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	'Wait and hope' accepts that outcomes cannot be completely engineered or known. That differs from Monte Cristo's earlier wisdom of planning because it places a limit on control instead of treating control as the solution.
EVIDENCE	Use the final principle and contrast it with the revenge plot's earlier precision, calculation, or certainty.
WATCH FOR	Do not interpret waiting as passivity. The phrase combines patience with hope under conditions of uncertainty.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline the final advice about waiting and hoping. Circle any language that acknowledges uncertainty or the future. In the margin, contrast that attitude with the earlier logic of planning, punishment, and control.
2. NOTICE - What does 'wait' require a person to stop trying to control? What does 'hope' allow without claiming certainty? Why is this principle a meaningful ending to a story driven by carefully engineered outcomes?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why are 'wait and hope' a different kind of wisdom from Monte Cristo's earlier need to control outcomes?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.