

The Angel of Terror

by Edgar Wallace

Exercise Book: Answer Key

Chapter 1

1. What was James Meredith convicted of?
Murder
2. What was the verdict?
Guilty
3. Who was the victim?
Fredinand Bulford
4. Why did James Meredith shoot Ferdinand Bulford according to the judge?
He was jealous
5. On the statement of what witness did the jury base their findings?
Miss Jean Briggerland
6. Why was Bulford outside Miss Briggerland's house at that precise moment according to the judge?
By coincidence
7. What did the judge think of the accused, James Meredith?
That he was evil and wicked
8. What sentence did the judge pass in the courtroom that day?
The death sentence
9. How was the first sentence for James Meredith changed?
It was changed to life imprisonment
10. What was hinted at by some people and newspapers when the sentence was changed?
That the legal system was corrupt and more lenient for the rich
11. What did John Glover think of the matter?
He believed that James Meredith was innocent
12. What did the counsel for the defence think of Miss Briggerland?
That she had a pure soul
13. How did James Meredith react when he heard the sentence?
Not a muscle in his face moved
14. What kind of firm is Rennett, Glover and Simpson?
A firm of solicitors
15. What is Glover suggesting at the end of the chapter?
That they should plan Meredith's escape

Chapter 2

1. What does Lydia Beale do for a living?
She's an illustrator
2. Who is Mrs. Morgan?
Lydia's landlady
3. How does Mrs. Morgan think Lydia can solve her problems?
By marrying someone rich
4. In what trouble is Lydia Beale?
She is up to her neck in debt
5. Where does Lydia work?
At the Daily Megaphone

6. Why was Lydia so much in debt?
She took over her father's debts
7. Why did Lydia go to the Erving Theatre that night?
She was on a job
8. Why was Lydia surprised when the cab driver said the editor had sent him for her?
Because that had never happened before
9. When did Lydia realise that something was not right in the cab?
There was no bridge to cross on the way to Fleet Street
10. How did Lydia escape from the cab?
Two men forced the cab to stop and freed her

Chapter 3

1. Who were the two men that rescued Lydia?
Jack Glover and Rennett
2. What are Lydia's wages at the paper according to Glover?
Six pounds ten a week
3. Where did the two men take Lydia after rescuing her?
To Mr. Rennett's house
4. How were Miss Briggerland and James Meredith related?
Jean Briggerland was Meredith's cousin
5. Why, according to Glover, did Miss Briggerland want to frame James Meredith?
She would inherit his money if something happened to him
6. What condition did Meredith's father put in his will?
That James had to marry before his thirtieth birthday
7. How old was James Meredith at that moment in time?
He would be thirty next Monday
8. Why had Glover and Rennett chosen Lydia as Meredith's wife?
She was in dire need for money
9. What did Rennett and Glover want Lydia to do?
To marry James Meredith
10. How much would Lydia get for her services?
Twenty thousand pounds as a down payment and five thousand pounds a year
12. What was Lydia's answer to Glover's proposal?
She accepted

Chapter 4

1. How did Lydia find the prospect of being a wife to someone who would be in prison for the next twenty years?
She was neither distressed nor horrified at the prospect
2. What did Lydia think about Meredith being a murderer?
She somehow believed Glover when he said he was innocent

3. What was Lydia going to do when she got the money aside from paying her debts?
She was going to Italy to study under the best masters in Italy and buy a car
4. Why did Lydia not want to marry?
She thought she was too independent and sophisticated for any man
5. Why did Meredith and Rennett play their little "game" after the marriage was done?
For the sake of the police
6. Who rushed into the house just after the marriage?
Jean Briggerland
7. Who was it that Jack Glover found dead in the snow?
James Meredith
8. What did James Meredith have in his hand when he was found dead?
A pistol

Chapter 5

1. How did the detective explain the death of James Meredith at first?
As a suicide
2. What was the detective's name?
Inspector Colhead
3. How did Jack know it wasn't suicide?
The gun was in the victim's right hand but he had been shot in the left temple
4. What feelings did Jack Glover have for Jean Briggerland?
He hated her
5. Why had Jean Briggerland arrived too late to stop the wedding?
She had been tricked into thinking the ceremony was at nine
6. How did Lydia react to Jean?
She was touched by her sincerity
7. In what way had Lydia been run over?
Metaphorically
8. What is a metaphor?
Líking

Chapter 6

1. What did one of the policemen discover in the tool shed?
A door to a cellar
2. What kind of room was under the tool shed?
A wine cellar
3. Why did Rennett not use the wine cellar?
He didn't drink wine
4. Why was the detective inclined to think that Meredith had not committed suicide?
He found fresh footprints leading to and from the shed
5. The pistol found in Meredith's hand was...
Belgian

6. What had Mr. Briggerland been doing when Bulford was shot, according to his daughter?

Sleeping

7. Why was Jack worried about Lydia after the death of James Meredith?

The Briggerlands were to inherit her money if anything happened to her

8. To whom did Meredith leave all his belongings in the new will?

Lydia

Chapter 7

1. Where did Jean Briggerland and her father live?

In Berkeley Street

2. Why is Mr. Briggerland so cheerful this morning?

He believes they are about to get their hands on James Meredith's money

3. Where did Mr. Briggerland plan to go that year?

To Monte Carlo

4. Which person in the chapter is so described: "...had acquired the precise sense of a great surgeon in whom pity was a detached emotion, and one which never intruded its self into the operating chamber"?

Jean Briggerland

5. Unlike other persons, what was Jean Briggerland not bound by?

Conventions

6. How did Jean Briggerland plan to befriend Lydia?

By returning to her an emerald ring she said James Meredith had given her

7. What book does Jean Briggerland read in the chapter?

Chronicles of Crime

8. What criminals deserved to be hanged according to Jean Briggerland?

Those who were so stupid they let the police catch them

Chapter 8

1. How much was the rent Lydia had to pay for the new furnished flat that Jack had obtained for her?

About twenty guineas a week.

2. Who would stay at Lydia's flat along with Lydia herself, Mrs. Morgan and the maids?

Mr. Jaggs

3. What is Lydia's explanation for why Jack is pursuing his vendetta against Jean?

Wounded vanity

4. To where did they trace the telephone call to Bulford asking him to come to Berkeley Street the night of his murder?

To Berkeley Street

5. Who was "a weird bird, as shrewd as the dickens"?

Mr. Jaggs

6. Who was Mr. Jaggs?

An old army pensioner

7. In what way was Mr. Jaggs incapacitated?

He couldn't use his right arm and one of his ankles was a bit groggy

8. What was Jack Glover's profession?

He was a lawyer

9. Why did Jack Glover not approve of Lydia's visit to Mrs. Cole-Mortimer?

Because he knew she was Jean Briggerland's friend

Chapter 9

1. To what class of women did Mrs. Cole Mortimer belong to?

Women who live on the edge of good society and bad

2. Who was present at Mrs. Cole-Mortimer's aside from the Briggerlands and the hostess herself?

Mr. Marcus Stepney

3. What impression did Marcus Stepney leave on Lydia?

Of being overdressed

4. How did Lydia's view of Jack Glover change during the visit?

She began to find him mysterious and his outlook on life ugly

5. What happened to Lydia outside Mrs. Cole-Mortimer's house after her visit?

She was nearly run over by a car

6. Who owned the car that had nearly ran over Lydia?

The Briggerlands

7. Who saved Lydia at the last moment from being hit by the car?

Mr. Jaggs

Chapter 10

1. Why had Mr. Jaggs been there to save Lydia?

Jack had told him not to let Lydia out of his sight

2. Who did Jack think drove the car?

The same driver who had abducted Lydia

3. What did Lydia think of Mr. Jaggs?

She liked him

4. What explanation was given for the near accident?

The steering gear had gone wrong

5. To where did Lydia move that week?

To a handsome flat in Cavendish Place

6. Why did Jack not want Mr. Jaggs to stay in the kitchen?

He didn't want the servants to know she had a watchman

7. Why did Lucy not like Mr. Jaggs?

She said she was sure he would kill them in their sleep

8. What did Mr. Jaggs know about Lucy?

That she had gone to jail for theft

9. What was Lucy's real name?

Mary

Chapter 11

1. What had Mr. Briggerland started because of his philanthropic nature?
A club in the East End of London
2. Who ran the club for Mr. Briggerland?
Mr. Faire
3. What kind of people came to Mr. Briggerland's club?
Known criminal characters
4. Where had Mr. Hoggins been?
In prison
5. What did Jean Briggerland suggest to Mr. Hoggins and Mr. Talmot?
That they go to Lydia's place to rob and kill her
6. For how long had Mr. Hoggins' last stretch in jail lasted?
Ten years
7. Who was waiting for Jean after she had talked to Hoggins and Talmot?
Lucy or Mary Welch
8. Where did Jean Briggerland expect to be next week?
In Paris
9. What was Mr. Briggerland's reaction to his daughter's plan?
He shivered with the very horror of it

Chapter 12

1. What was the subject of a book where Mr. Briggerland was credited as the author?
Sociology
2. What had happened to Mr. Talmot?
He fell from the fourth floor of Lydia's house
3. Who knew of Talmot's attempted burglary besides the Briggerlands?
Mr. Faire, the club manager
4. Where did Mr. Briggerland have an appointment?
At the Norwood asylum for the insane
5. What was the name of the doctor who showed Mr. Briggerland around the asylum?
Dr. Carew
6. Who was considered the most dangerous patient at the Norwood asylum?
Dr. Thun
7. How was Dr. Thun diagnosed?
He was homicidal and dangerous
8. What had Dr. Thun been before he was taken to the asylum?
A general in the Italian army
9. What reason did Dr. Thun give for his conviction?
There were women sitting on the court martial
10. Why was Mr. Briggerland visiting the asylum?
To find someone to do some dirty work for him

Chapter 13

1. What prophecy of Jean Briggerland's had failed to materialise?
That Jack Glover would be a frequent visitor to Lydia
2. What was Jack Glover's full name?
Bertram John Glover
3. What was Lydia becoming accustomed to?
Being rich
4. Why did Jean Briggerland not like to rent furnished flats?
She sometimes lost her keys
5. How did Jean get Lydia to leave the room?
She tipped over her teacup
6. What did Jean take from Lydia's apartment?
A key to the flat
7. What happened to the rich Australian who was infatuated with Jean Briggerland?
He died from an overdose of veronal
8. What supposedly happened to the man Gunnersbury?
He was supposed to have jumped overboard and drowned
9. What did the police chief think of Jack Glover's story?
He didn't believe any of it
10. What paragraph caught Glover's eye in the newspaper?
Dangerous lunatic at large

Chapter 14

1. How did Lydia feel about Mr. Jaggs?
He got on her nerves and she couldn't stand him any longer
2. What irked Lydia most of all?
How Jack Glover marshalled her life and ordered her about
3. How did Lydia feel about Jack at that time?
He irritated, and yet in some indefinable way, pleased her
4. Why did Lydia have a little twinge of conscience in the case of Mr. Jaggs?
Because he had saved her life
5. Who attacked Lydia that night?
Dr. Thun
6. What did Dr. Thun call Mr. Jaggs?
General

Chapter 15

1. Who saved Lydia this time?
Dr. Thun
2. Who was it that Dr. Thun stopped from killing Lydia?
Hoggins

3. Who did Dr. Thun say had helped him to escape from the asylum?

General Foch

4. Who was at Lydia's when Jean called on her?

Jack Glover

5. How had Dr. Thun got into the flat?

By using a key

6. How did Jean explain the fact that her father had met Dr. Thun?

He was doing research for a book he was writing

7. What did Jack wish for Miss Briggerland?

That she marry and settle down

Chapter 16

1. Where was Lydia going that night?

To the theatre

2. Who was going with Lydia to the theatre?

Mrs. Cole-Mortimer

3. Where did Mrs. Cole-Mortimer say she had a house?

At Cap Martin

4. What people she knew did Lydia meet at the club?

Jean Briggerland and Marcus Stepney

5. Who was the man Lydia danced with at the club?

Lord Stoker

6. What did Lydia realise about Jean at the club?

That she was able to make people feel bad about Jack even though she didn't seem to say a word against him

7. Where did Mr. Jaggs say he had been?

He said that he had been having a look at the little ducks in the pond

Chapter 17

1. Where did Lydia buy a house?

In Curzon Street

2. Where was Lydia going next week?

To the South of France

3. What did Jaggs choose for a present even though he didn't want any present?

A pipe

4. Who did Mrs. Cole-Mortimer see in Monte Carlo?

The house agent

5. Who were at the house at Cap Martin when Mrs. Cole-Mortimer and Lydia arrived?

Jean and her father

6. Why was Mrs. Cole-Mortimer nervous and ill at ease during dinner?

She had heard that the gardener's boy had malignant smallpox

7. What excuse did Jean give for not going with the others to the casino?

She had turned her ankle

8. What was Mrs. Cole-Mortimer's first name?

Margaret

9. Who was Jean afraid of?

Mr. Jaggs

Chapter 18

1. What attributes did the peroxide Jean saw in Mrs. Cole-Mortimer's room have?

It was a powerful germicide

2. Why did Jean soak her handkerchief in peroxide?

To protect her from becoming infected by smallpox

3. Where did Jean put the gardener's boy?

In Lydia's bed

4. What smell did Lydia find in her room?

A clean, pungent smell of some disinfectant

5. Why didn't Lydia sleep in her bed?

Because her bed was soaked

6. What did Jean do before she went to sleep?

She said her prayers

Chapter 19

1. Where had Lydia slept?

In the dressing room

2. How did Lydia try to explain why her bed was soaked?

Someone had wanted to disinfect her bed out of kindness and overdone it

3. What was Mr. Briggerland reading in the garden?

The Nicoise

4. What did Jean accuse her father of?

Having a yellow streak

5. What had Jean not forgotten?

Her life in Ealing

Chapter 20

1. What was the name of the driver?

Mordon

2. Where did Jean and Lydia lunch?

At the Negrito

3. Who came to Jean and Lydia when they were lunching at the Negrito?

Marcus Stepney

4. What was Marcus Stepney's stock in trade?
His smartness plus a certain dexterity with cards
5. How much did Lydia think she had won that day by betting?
About five hundred pounds
6. How much did Lydia really win by betting that day?
Nothing
7. How much did Marcus want Lydia to bet the next day?
A million francs
8. What did Jean think of Marcus' plan to con Lydia out of a million francs?
She found it cheap
9. What did Jean suggest to Marcus that he do?
Marry Lydia
10. What did Jean threaten Marcus with?
That she would tell the police about his other wife

Chapter 21

1. Who became a regular caller at Cap Martin?
Marcus Stepney
2. What did Lydia discover about Jean?
That she was an expert swimmer
3. Why was Marcus unusually glum the day they went swimming?
Because of the tactless appearance of the Briggerlands
4. What happened just as Lydia was about to dive?
A bullet whistled past Lydia's head
5. What happened to Mr. Briggerland?
He was beaten unconscious

Chapter 22

1. How did Mr. Briggerland describe the shooter?
He was an Italian
2. How was Mr. Briggerland hurt?
He was whacked with the back of a rifle
3. Who was it that shot at Lydia?
Mr. Briggerland
4. Who did Lydia see prowling around the grounds?
Mr. Jaggs

Chapter 23

1. What did Mr. Jaggs say he was to the cycling gendarme?
Madame's courier and a watchman of the house

2. How did Jaggs surprise Lydia that morning?
By telling her that he was watching out for her there
3. What did the French housekeeper tell Lydia?
That the gardener's boy was getting better
4. Why did Mrs. Cole-Mortimer advise Lydia not to visit the boy's mother?
She was afraid of becoming infected with the disease
5. What did Lydia ask Mr. Briggerland?
If the shooting had been reported to the police
6. Why did Mr. Briggerland not want Lydia to talk to the police about the shooting?
He had told them that Lydia was not aware of the shooting
7. What did Jean think of her father?
That he was the most un-clever man she knew

Chapter 24

1. What did the maid find in Lydia's bed?
A tiny silver cross
2. Why did Lydia go to Nice that day?
To visit the gardener's wife
3. What did Lydia give the gardener's wife?
Five hundred francs
4. What had the gardener's boy lost?
A tiny silver cross
5. What was the name of the gardener's boy?
Xavier
6. What was in the parcel lying on the floor of the car?
Something that had been sent to the hospital to be disinfected
7. Who was the parcel addressed to?
Mademoiselle Jean Briggerland

Chapter 25

1. What depressed Marcus about his society friends?
Their artificiality
2. Who was the great Moorish Pretender?
Muley Hafiz
3. What did Jean advise Marcus to do when he told her that he was getting nowhere with Lydia?
Try to run away with her
4. How did Marcus feel about Jean?
He was in love with her

Chapter 26

1. What new arrival did Lydia discover when she returned to the house that day?
Jack Glover
2. What change did Jean notice in Lydia when Glover was there?
There was colour in her cheeks and a more joyous note in her voice
3. How long was Jack staying?
Two days
4. What did Jean say was in the parcel?
A rug that she had lent to the gardener's wife
5. Where did Jean think Mr. Jaggs should be?
In heaven

Chapter 27

1. What was in the letter to Jean?
A threat to kill her
2. Who had written the letter to Jean?
Some man she had met in Egypt
3. What did Glover find so comical that he burst into laughter?
The thought of Stepney gathering wild flowers in a top hat
4. To what other woman did Glover compare Jean?
Lucretia Borgia
5. How many attempts had been made on Lydia's life in the past fortnight?
Four attempts
6. What did Jack ask Lydia to do and tell Jean after she had done it?
Make a will
7. How much money did Lydia own in hard cash?
160 thousand pounds
8. Who came to the restaurant when Jack and Lydia were there?
Jean

Chapter 28

1. What was Jean going to call the book she was writing?
Suspected
2. Why was Lydia irritated by Jack?
Because of his unwavering suspicion of Jean
3. Who was Mr. Briggerland watching out for?
Mr. Jaggs
4. Why were the police aware of the fact that some old man was threatening to kill Jean?
Because of the letter he was supposed to have written
5. What did Jean ask Lydia to do for her?
To write a part of her story for her
6. What was Jean's story about?
A girl who had stolen a lot of money and fled to America

7. What did Jean ask Lydia to write on a fresh page?
A suicide note
8. With what initials did Jean have Lydia sign the suicide note?
L. M.

Chapter 29

1. Who was Lydia's guardian angel at Cap Martin?
Mr. Jaggs
2. Why didn't Mr. Briggerland fire when he saw a shape emerge from the tree belt?
There was a chance it might be someone else
3. Why was Jean angry at her father?
Because he hadn't been able to shoot Mr. Jaggs
4. How did Jean explain her loss of consciousness?
By saying that she had fainted
5. What effect did the attack on her have on Jean?
She was afraid for the first time
6. What was Lydia scribbling in the garden?
A will
7. Who found out where Mr. Jaggs slept?
Jean
8. Who was the cabbage seller with the donkey?
Jean
9. What was written in the letter to Mr. Rennett?
This cheque is in order. Please honour

Chapter 30

1. What do desperate diseases call for, according to Jean?
Desperate remedies
2. What tale did Jean tell Lydia about Mr. Glover?
That he had gambled and lost a lot of money
3. What scared Mr. Briggerland?
That they were getting deeper and deeper into Mordon's hands
4. Whom did Jean say she was going to marry?
Mordon
5. Why had Jean said she was going to marry this man?
So he wouldn't tell on them
6. When was Jean going to marry this man?
In two months' time
7. What did Mordon let Jean have?
Five million francs
8. What did Jean make Mordon write?
That he had forged Lydia's name and stolen 100.000 pounds from her account

Chapter 31

1. Why did Mrs. Cole-Mortimer not want Lydia to go back to London?
Her own stay there depended on Lydia staying there
2. How did Jean describe the Riviera?
Like Turkish Delight – very sweet, but unsatisfying
3. What had brought about a strenuous relationship between Spain and France?
France supported the claims of Muley Hafiz to the throne in Morocco
4. What impression did Muley Hafiz have on Jean?
A very favourable one
5. Where was Muley Hafiz educated?
At Oxford
6. What did Muley Hafiz suggest that Jean call him?
Wazeer

Chapter 32

1. Why was Marcus Stepney angry with Jean?
She was talking to a coloured man
2. What did Muley Hafiz have that Marcus didn't have, according to Jean?
Breed
3. How did Marcus explain his irritation?
He was rattled because he had lost some money the night before
4. Where did they all go that night?
To a concert at the theatre
5. Why was Mordon worried?
He didn't understand why Jean had made him write the letter

Chapter 33

1. What did Mordon want from Jean?
He wanted the letter he had written back
2. How was Jean able to make her father understand that there might be another explanation for what she was saying?
She said that he had always been a very loving father to her
3. What did Jean ask her father to keep after the struggle with Mordon?
His revolver
4. What could you learn if you sat on the Lover's chair, according to Jean?
The name of your future husband

Chapter 34

1. What was the Jungle Queen?
A boat
2. Where did Marcus ask Lydia to go with him that day?
Fishing
3. Why could Lydia not go with Marcus?
She was going to sit on the Lover's chair
4. What did Marcus think Jean ought to do about Mordon?
Not allow him so much freedom

Chapter 35

1. Who phoned Lydia that morning?
Marcus Stepney
2. What lie did Jean suggest to Mr. Jaggs?
That Lydia was having an affair with Mordon
3. How did Jean manage to overcome Jaggs?
By putting a sponge full of ammonia to his face
4. Who was Mr. Jaggs?
Jack Glover

Chapter 36

1. Where was Mr. Briggerland going?
To San Reno
2. What did Mr. Briggerland do to Mordon?
He shot him dead
3. What did Lydia think it was when she heard the gunshot?
She thought that a tyre had burst
4. What happened to Lydia?
Mr. Briggerland hit her so she fell off the cliff

Chapter 37

1. Why had Jack Glover wanted to sleep in Lydia's flat?
To protect her against Jean's murderous plots
2. What did Glover say to Jean?
That he had evidence to hang her father for the crimes he had committed
3. Who was to be arrested as soon as he returned?
Mordon
4. Who was the letter in Lydia's room addressed to?
Jack Glover

Chapter 38

1. Why did Mr. Briggerland not do anything even though Lydia and Mordon had often been seen together?

He was a very democratic man

2. How did Glover know that it was Mr. Briggerland who had shot at Lydia?

Because it was he that had stopped him and knocked him out

3. What did Lydia say in the letter she was supposed to have written?

That she would not be returning

4. What explanation did they give for not finding Lydia's body?

It had probably been washed out to sea

5. How did Jack realise that the letter was part of Jean's story?

Because of the quotation marks

6. What was Mr. Briggerland arrested for?

The wilful murder of François Mordon

Chapter 39

1. Why did Marcus Stepney sail toward the beach?

He was sleepy and needed to find a landing spot

2. Who saved Lydia this time?

Marcus Stepney

3. Who did Lydia say had shot her?

Mr. Briggerland

4. Where did Marcus take Lydia?

To Nice

5. What did Marcus do after he had Lydia safe in a hotel in Nice?

He provisioned the Jungle Queen and loaded her with petrol

6. How did Jean get away?

Stepney took her on board the Jungle Queen

Chapter 40

1. Who agreed to chaperone Lydia at the hotel in Nice?

Mrs. Cole-Mortimer

2. Where had the Jungle Queen been sighted?

In Malaga

3. What did Lydia think of when she knew that Jean had with her a hundred thousand pounds of her money?

She found it almost a comforting thought

4. What did Glover think of the sympathy Lydia had for Jean?

He found it immoral

5. What would become of Mr. Briggerland?

He would be imprisoned for life

6. How many times had Glover saved Lydia's life?

Four times

7. When had Glover become especially interested in Lydia according to him?

When he sat outside her room and discovered that she didn't snore

Chapter 41

1. How far could Marcus and Jean go with the petrol they had?

They could get to Dacca

2. How many days could they sail?

For eight days

3. Where was Dacca?

On the African coast

4. What happened to Jean?

Muley Hafiz took her in

5. What did Marcus Stepney get out of all this?

He ended up with five million francs

Additional exercises

a) Write a short piece on Edgar Wallace.

Richard Horatio Edgar Wallace (April 1, 1875 - February 10, 1932) was a prolific British crime writer, journalist and playwright, who wrote 175 novels, 24 plays, and countless articles in newspapers and journals. Over 160 films have been made of his novels, more than any other author.

In the 1920s, one of Wallace's publishers claimed that a quarter of all books read in England were written by him.

He is most famous today as the co-creator of "King Kong", writing the early screenplay and story for the movie, as well as a short story "King Kong" (1933) credited to him and Draycott Dell. He was known for the J. G. Reeder detective stories, The Four Just Men, the Ringer, and for creating the Green Archer character during his lifetime.

b) Look at Mr. Jaggs. How does he speak differently than the others?

"Beg pardon, miss," he said raucously, "name of Jaggs! And I have reported for dooty!"

He uses short sentences and the author stresses his pronunciation by writing the words differently.

c) Find out who Lucretia Borgia was.

Lucretia Borgia was an Italian noblewoman and daughter of Pope Alexander VI. A notorious reputation precedes her, and she is inextricably, and perhaps unfairly, linked to the crimes and debauchery of her family.

d) What is the difference between *realize* and *realise*?

Realise and *realize* are different spellings of the same word, and both are used to varying degrees throughout the English-speaking world. *Realize* is the preferred spelling in American and Canadian English, and *realise* is preferred outside North America. The spelling distinction extends to all derivatives of the verb, including *realised/realized*, *realising/realizing*, and *realisation/realization*.