**Readers’ Cup 2021**

**‘Fearless Frederic’ questions**

Q What was the author’s first introduction to France?

A His high school French teacher Mr Franzoni who was so enthusiastic and engaging. (p159 ‘From the author’)

Q Describe the special present Frederic gets for his 13th birthday from his parents.

A A kit: large, almost as tall as Frederic, cotton canvas over a bamboo frame, shaped to look like a bird in flight. (p 21)

Q What painting does Frederic fall asleep in front of when at the Louvre with his father.

A *La Jaconde* the laughing one, by Leonardo da Vinci. (p34)

Q What unusual feature does Frederic notice about one of the robbers who lost his mask when Frederic ran into him while they were escaping with the stolen painting?

A An unusual streak of white hair – as if it someone had painted a stripe on his slick black hair. (p 38)

Q What was the name of the other guard on duty the night Frederick’s father was attacked and why didn’t he come to help?

A Marcel – insider working with the thieves. (p 40)

Q Describe Eleven and why does Frederic rename him Charlemagne?

A Striking grey stallion, former military horse, part Andalusian, part Percheron. (pp46-47); it’s like the bronze statue of Charlemagne’s horse that Frederic loves going to look at. (p16)

Q What are passerelles and what was their purpose?

A Gangplanks. People used them so they could walk around the streets without getting wet. (pp 66 – 67)

Q What dangerous creature was in the water near Renoir the cat when Frederic was trying to rescue it and where had it come from?

A Crocodile; escaped from the zoo. (p69)

Q Why does Frederic feel guilty about his father’s death?

A Frederic: ‘I wasn’t in the room. I should have been.’ P 88

Q What are the clues which reveal that Claire is a homeless orphan?

A Thierry and Frederic don’t ever see Clair’s mother at the shelter, Clair’s mismatched clothes, with a group of homeless people (p 103)

Q Why do Monsieur and Madam Martin invite Frederic and his two friends for lunch?

A A thankyou for trying to save the books from their bookshop which floated away when they opened the door. (P83)

Q Why does Thierry need to visit the Hotel Christophe-Antoine?

A To see his mother who works as a chambermaid there?

Q Why is the pocket watch Frederic retrieved from the pickpocket so important to Lord Haythorpe?

A It’s been in the family for more than a century. (p112)

Q How does Frederic get hold of a key to Room 22 at the Hotel?

A From the chambermaid’s cart (p 120) – Thierry’s mother.

Q What object does Frederic find when he bites into the apple from the fruit bowl in Room 22?

A The stolen Prince of Conde diamond. (p127)

Q In the note Frederic writes to the thieves, when and where does Frederic say to meet him?

A Midnight at the Charlemagne statue in front of Notre Dame Cathedral.

Q Finish Thierry’s nicknames: Floodwater \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Crocodile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Terrific \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Hint – alliteration.)

A Friends, Crusaders, Trio. (p 142)

Q Where did Thierry find work after he lost his job at the library?

A Bookstore with Monsieur and Madame Martin. ((p 155)