

FRENCH CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

FOR CARMEN SANDIEGO EPISODES

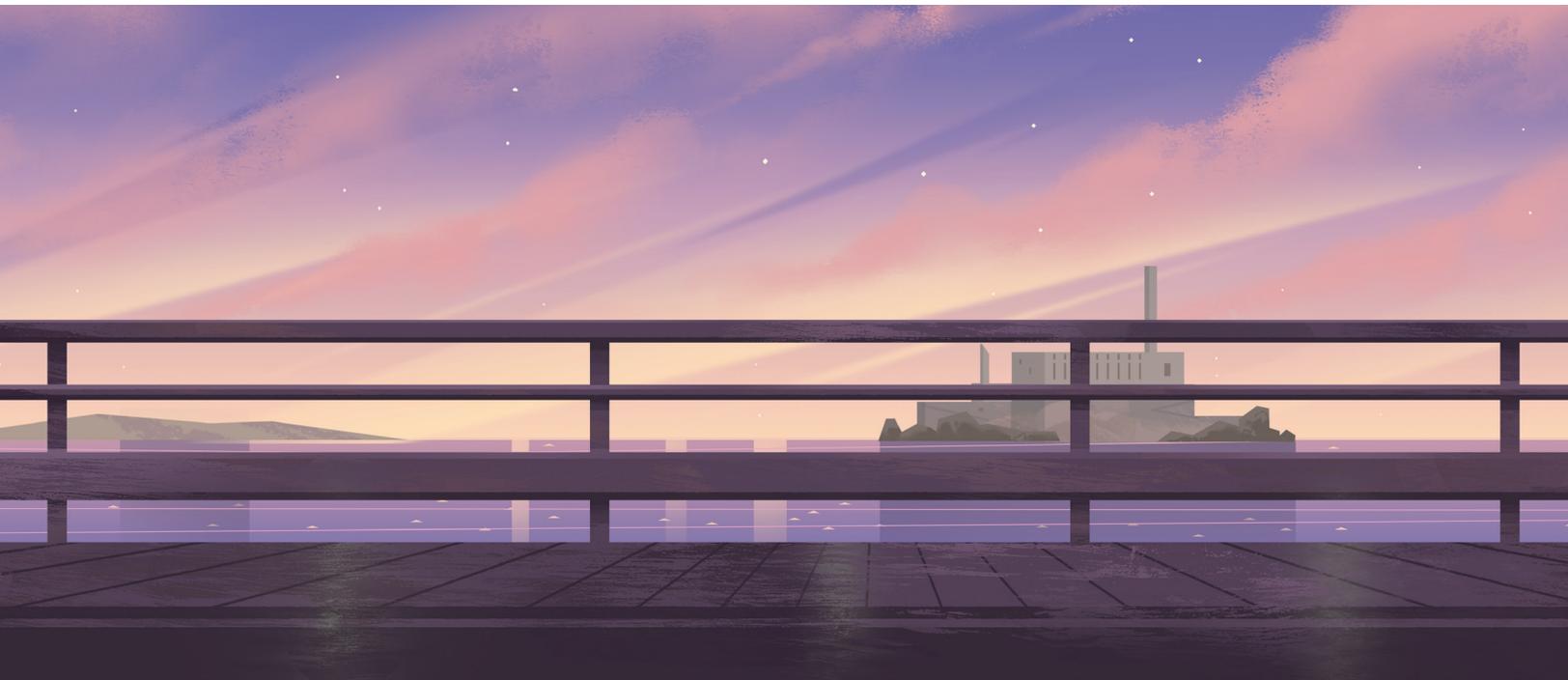
SEASON 1, EPISODE 8: "The Lucky Cat Caper"

Carmen chases down a priceless, rare stamp in foggy San Francisco, where she crosses paths with an old rival.

What Is It About? / De quoi s'agit-il?

Have students watch Episode 8 and ask them the following questions:

1. **Où se passe l'épisode?** (*à San Francisco*)
2. **De quelle couleur est la voiture qu'achète Carmen?** (*rouge*)
3. **Pour qui travaille le mime?** (*VILE*)
4. **Qui est la femme blonde?** (*Tigress, la Tigresse*)
5. **Qui choisit la Tigresse pour cette mission?** (*Shadowsan*)
6. **Qui a un accident de voiture dans la baie de San Francisco?** (*l'agent Devineaux*)





A Rare Object / Un objet rare

The stolen object in Episode 8 is the rare one-cent Black on Magenta stamp. This postage stamp from British Guiana was only printed in limited numbers in the mid-19th century. It is considered one of the rarest and most valuable stamps in the world. Students research facts about the stamp and report their findings to the class.

1. Have students work in pairs to find out as many facts as possible about the stamp, using French websites if possible. (You might tell them to use a search engine in French and type **timbre one cent magenta** to search the topic.)
2. Have them prepare questions in French based on the facts they find during their research. They may use a bilingual dictionary when necessary.
3. Have students pair up to ask each other questions they prepared and compete for the highest number of correct answers. When students don't know the answer, they say **je ne sais pas** and their teammate provides it.



To learn more about Carmen Sandiego, visit hmhco.com/carmen.

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