

FRENCH CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

FOR CARMEN SANDIEGO EPISODES

SEASON 1, EPISODE 7: "The Chasing Paper Caper"

Carmen and her crew break into a museum in Mumbai to steal the Magna Carta before VILE does, but they run into a former classmate looking to do the same.

Stolen Object / Objet volé

Students create a French public notice describing the stolen Magna Carta to help Carmen get it back.

1. Have students work in groups of three to create a poster-size ad in French about the Magna Carta that VILE stole.
2. In each group, have students work on a sketch of the missing object, a description in French of what it looks like, and an explanation of why it's valuable.
3. Have the different groups post their final notices in the classroom.

Which One Is It? / Laquelle des deux?

In this episode students meet a new member of VILE—Paper Star—who will confront Carmen Sandiego on several occasions.

1. Have students write several statements in French to describe Paper Star and Carmen. The statements could be about their appearance, personality traits, distinctive habits, and what they do best, among other details.
2. Ask volunteers to take turns reading their statements to the class. Other classmates guess if the statements are about Carmen or Paper Star.





Where in the World . . . ? / Mais où est donc...?

Students recall all the countries mentioned in this episode and find them on a map.

1. Have students tell which countries are mentioned in this episode. As they recall countries, write them in French on the board. (Alternately, you might ask students to name them in French.) The countries should include the United States (**les États-Unis**), India (**l'Inde**), England (**l'Angleterre**), Japan (**le Japon**).
2. Display a world map and have students locate those countries.
3. Then, ask **Quelles sont les deux villes d'Inde dont on parle dans l'épisode?** (*Mumbai et Agra*)
4. Have students research the answers to the following questions:

Quelle est la distance entre Mumbai et Agra? (*750 miles*)

Dans quelle partie de l'Inde est Agra? (*Agra est dans le nord de l'Inde.*)

Dans quelle partie de l'Inde est Mumbai? (*Mumbai est dans l'ouest de l'Inde.*)

Quel site célèbre se trouve à Agra? (*le Taj Mahal*)



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

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