



San Francisco Opera's Verdi's *La Traviata*

Curriculum Connections California Content Standards Grade 5 through Grade 12

MATHEMATICS

MEASUREMENT:

Create a set for *La Traviata* to scale.

Look at maps of Paris and surroundings; measure distances from the city to the country.

Design a menu with recipes (with measurements) for Violetta's party.

NUMBER SENSE

Percentages: what % of her money does Violetta spend on clothes, flowers, food and wine, parties, transportation? How much money will she need to sustain her and Alfredo's lifestyle in the country? What would it cost in today's money?

What type of currency was used in France in the 1850's? What were average wages? How did Alfredo support himself? How much allowance would he need to get from his father each month?

STATISTICS

Research tuberculosis statistics: % of French/European population affected during time of opera, age and social-economic status of afflicted.

Chart mortality rate/lifespan of tuberculosis victims.

Compare infectious diseases and infection rates during different time periods.

ACTIVITIES

Create a card game for the ACT III party. See reference to *La Traviata* playing cards designed by Erté.*

* <http://www.rubylane.com/ni/shops/twoforhisheels/item/T0000340#pic1>

Double deck of cards with designs by Erté inspired by Verdi's opera "La Traviata." The cards were printed by Carta Mundi, and published by Sevenarts of London for Alfred Dunhill Ltd., c.1981, in the original leather box with a pamphlet that explains the deck. Each suit depicts a portion of the opera: Act I is portrayed in the Heart suit, Act II in Diamonds and Clubs, and Act III in spades.