

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

My Cousin Rachel by **Daphne du Maurier**

A Before Reading

- 1 Here is the picture from the front cover of *My Cousin Rachel*. Ask questions about the woman in the picture.



B While Reading

- 2 Read Chapter 1. Now look at this list of key words. These words tell you the important events in Chapter 2. What do you think happens in Chapter 2?

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ILL
ITALY
PHILIP
AFRAID
LETTERS
COUSIN RACHEL
MARRIAGE
ILLNESS
JOURNEY

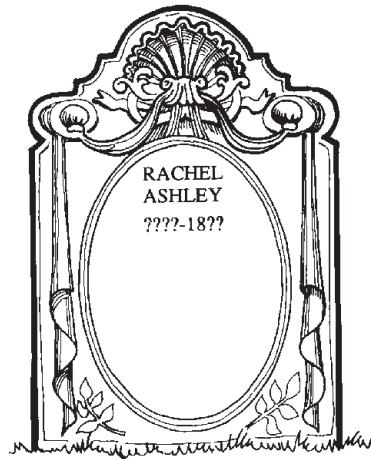
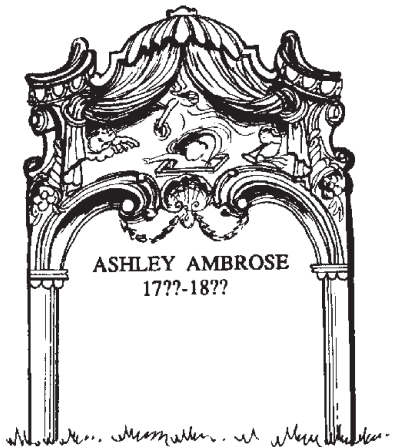
- 3 Read to the end of Chapter 7. Make a list of key words for Chapters 3 to 7, like the list for Question 2.
- 4 Read to the end of Chapter 11. Look back to page 44 and then write Ambrose's terrible letter to Philip.

C After Reading

5 A day or two later, a letter arrived for Rachel in Rainaldi's handwriting. Was it a love-letter? I had to know.

What is the truth? What do you think? Were Rainaldi and Rachel in love? Did Rachel kill Ambrose? Did she try to kill Philip? Did Rainaldi and Rachel want the Ashley estate and money? Write the letter from Rainaldi to Rachel. Show what the truth is!

- 6 (a) The words written on a tombstone about a dead person are called an **epitaph** (epita:f). Write epitaphs on these tombstones for Ambrose and for Rachel.
- (b) Find out when Ambrose and Rachel died. You can find out when Ambrose was born. But you must guess when Rachel was born.



7 *My Cousin Rachel* is going to be on television. You must give details about the programme in a television magazine. Here is an example to show you what to do.

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Fiesta in Seville

A modern thriller set in Spain, starring **Fred Smith** and **Dodie Andrews**.

Beautiful young Daniela is poor and alone. She leaves home and goes to the city in search of work and excitement. Then she meets Joel at the Fiesta and life becomes one long party.

<i>Daniela</i>	Dodie Andrews
<i>Joel</i>	Fred Smith
<i>Don Estello</i>	Thurston Bore
<i>'Big' Al</i>	Orson Hogan
<i>Man with dog</i>	Willem Bedoe
<i>Nadya</i>	Doggy Lanford

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*Have you read **The Enchanted April** by Elizabeth von Arnim or **The Bonetti Inheritance** by Richard Prescott? These are both Intermediate Level Readers.*