

\* Lesson: The Last Lesson\* Author: Alphonse Daudet

About the author

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✓ Alphonse Daudet (French, born: 13 May 1840 — died: 16 Dec 1897)

- basically a novelist and a short story writer from France.
- After schooling he began his career as a schoolteacher at Alès, Gard, in the south of France.
- Worked only for one year as teacher.
- Started to work as journalist in Paris and got attracted toward writing.
- Then published his small volume of poems Les Amoureuses (1858)
- Then got employment in a French daily Le Figaro.
- After his these success Morry, Napoleon III's powerful minister, appointed him to be one of his secretaries — a post which he continued till Morry's death in 1865.

## Important writings

(i) Lettres de mon moulin  
(Letters from My Windmill)  
in 1866.

(ii) Tack  
(a novel about  
an illegitimate  
child)

(iii) Sapho (1884)

(iv) L'Immortel (1888)

(v) The Last Lesson

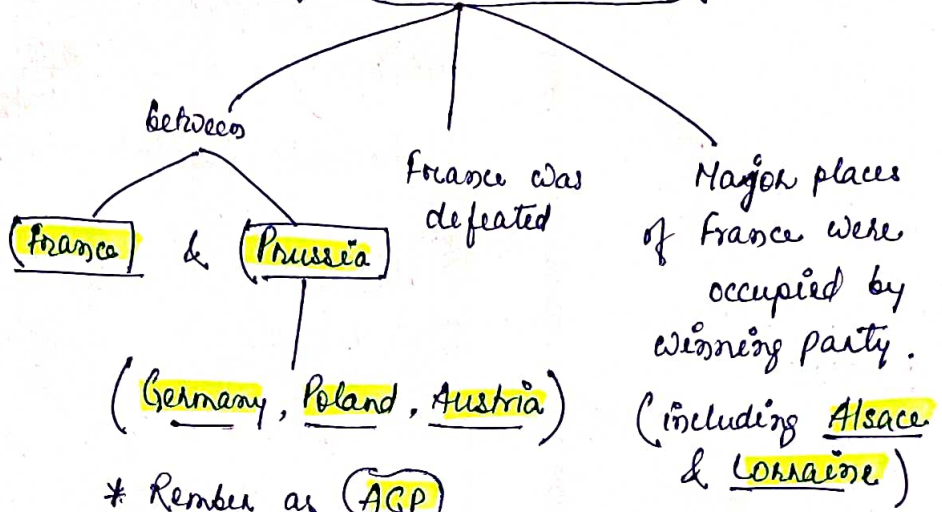
— and many  
others.

which we have to study in our syllabus.

The last lessons

Taken from Contes du Lundi (1873, short story collection)

→ The story is set in the days of Franco-Prussian War (1870-1871)



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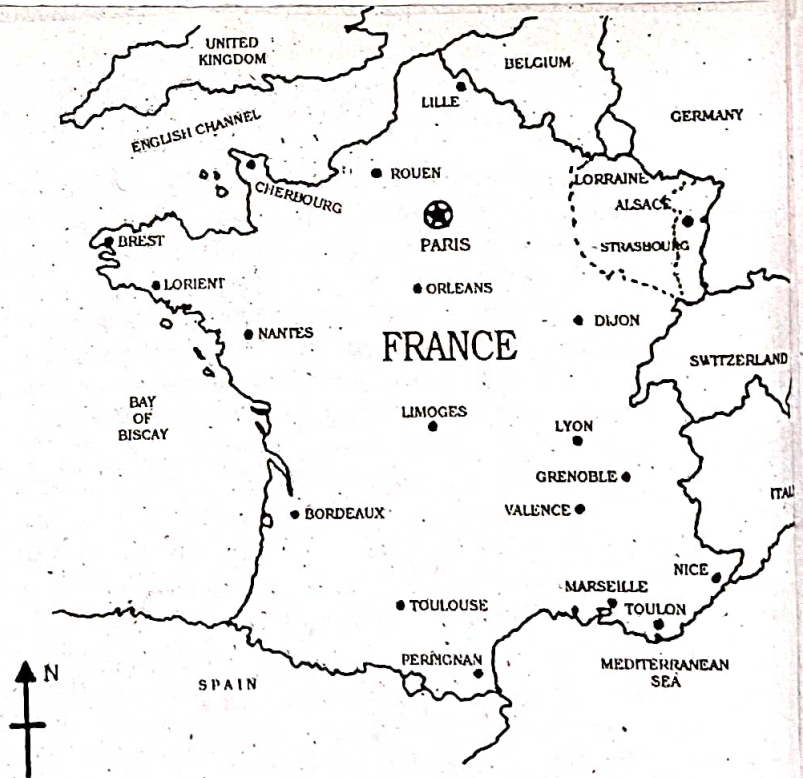
\* Remember as AGP

A — Austria

G — Germany

P — Poland

→ The rest will be discussed while discussing the text.



France  
1870-71

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