

# CORPSE TALK

# Julie D'Aubigny

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Watch Here: <https://youtu.be/oxWiNC3lvSw>



Watch the dead famous come to life in this comedy animated history chat show based on the popular "Corpse Talk" graphic novel series by Adam and Lisa Murphy.

In this episode, our host Adam welcomes the swashbuckling 17th-century French trailblazer Julie D'Aubigny. With her wild and often unbelievable stories of duels and dizzying romances, Julie delights Adam as she recounts her history as an elite sword fighter, celebrated opera singer and all-around troublemaker.



## Dig up the Past

When you've watched the episode, can you answer these questions?

Who was Julie's father?

How were girls expected to behave when Julie was a child?

Was duelling legal in France?

### Fun Fact

Julie once won a dual against three men!

### Dead Quick Challenge

Julie moved around a lot in her life. What three items do you think she would have carried with her wherever she went?



### Deadly Dates

Julie D'Aubigny was born in 1673.

She joined the Paris opera in 1690 when she was 17.

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### Make a Wanted Poster!

Having escaped from the nunnery, Julie D'Aubigny is a wanted criminal on the run!  
Create a wanted poster to help find her.  
Include a picture of Julie, a description of her character and any information about where she might be or what she might be doing.



### Choreograph a duel

You are an actor and you have been cast in a play all about Julie D'Aubigny's life. With a partner, choreograph a one-minute dual scene!

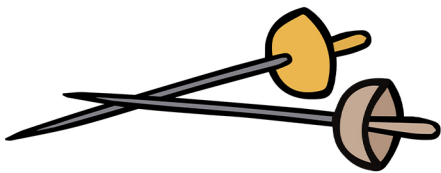
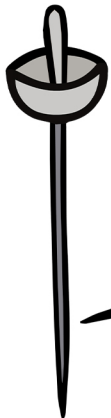
(No swords needed; you must use your acting skills to make the dual look realistic!) Julie taught Adam a few fencing techniques, can you remember what the instructions 'en garde', 'parry' and 'riposte' mean? You might also like to find some video clips of the modern-day sport of fencing to give you ideas.

What posture do fencers use?  
How do they move? When you have choreographed and practised your dual, perform it to your class!



### Before You Go

Julie D'Aubigny was an elite fencer. What is your favourite sport? Are there any sports you haven't tried before that you would like to have a go at?



Football

Tennis

Golf

Basketball



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