

Great Expectations Study Questions


Chapter 1

1. Describe the person Pip encounters in the churchyard. What does this person demand?

Chapter 2

2. What is Pip's relationship with his sister? What is Pip's relationship with Joe Gargery?

3. What is Pip's Christmas Eve dilemma?




Chapter 3

4. What mistaken identity occurs in the marshes?

Chapter 4

5. How does the Gargery family celebrate Christmas?

6. What is Pip's state of mind?

7. What is Pip's position among the guests?
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Chapter 5

8. What interruption saves Pip from Mrs. Joe's wrath?

9. What brings about the capture of the escaped convict?

10. What are Pip's thoughts throughout the hunt?

Chapter 6

11. What prevents Pip from telling Joe the truth about the pilfering?

Chapter 7


12. What are the drawbacks on Pip's early education ? What were the drawbacks on Joe's early education?

13. What expectations arise through Miss Havisham's summons ?

Chapter 8

14. What "hospitality" does Uncle Pumblechook extend toward Pip?

15. How does Estella's contempt affect pip?



16. Describe Miss Havisham and her possessions.

17. Why does Pip lie about his experiences at Satis House?

18. How does Joe react to Pip's confession?

Chapter 10

19. What unusual incident occurs at the local pub?



Chapter 11

20. Who are the "toadies and humbugs"?

21. Describe the gentleman Pip meets on the stairs.

22. What incident occurs between Pip and the "pale young gentleman"? What effect does it have on Estella?

Chapter 12

23. How does the relationship between Pip and Miss Havisham develop?



Chapter 13

24. How does Miss Havisham express her concern for Pip's future?

25. What changes Pip's attitude toward Joe's trade?

Chapter 14

26. How does Pip's attitude toward home change?

Chapter 15

27. Describe Dolge Orlick.

28. What disagreement does Pip's half-holiday precipitate?

29. How does Pip spend his half-holiday?


Chapter 16

30. What evidence is left at the scene of the crime?

31. What are the effects of the attack on Mrs. Joe? As a result, what changes occur in the Gargery household?

Chapter 17

32. What is the relationship between Pip and Biddy?




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33. What are the results of Mr. Wopsle's dramatic reading?

34. What "unusual business" does Jaggers transact?

35. What are the immediate emotional effects of Pip's rise in fortune?

Chapter 19



36. What causes Pip and Biddy to argue?

37. What power of money does Pip discover?

38. What change occurs in Uncle Pumblechook's treatment of Pip?

39. How does Pip's farewell visit to Miss Havisham reinforce his belief that she is his benefactor?



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Chapter 20

40. Why is Pip impressed with Mr. Jaggers?

41. What is peculiar about Wemmick's appearance?

42. Why does Pip think Herbert Pocket's arrival must be a dream?

Chapter 21

43. What are Pip's impressions of Herbert?

44. What does Pip learn about Miss Havisham and Estella from Herbert?

Chapter 22

45. What are the signs of Mrs. Pocket's preoccupation?


Chapter 23

46. What influenced the manner of Belinda Pocket's upbringing?

Chapter 24

47. What is the intention of Pip's education?

48. Describe Jaggers in court.



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Chapter 25

49. Compare Drummle and Startop.

50. What details of Jaggers' homelife does Wemmick impart to Pip?

51. What insight does Pip gain into Wemmick's private life?

Chapter 26

52. What is so striking about Molly's appearance?



53. How does Drummle behave at Jaggers' dinner party?

Chapter 27

54. What is Pips's reaction to Biddy's letter?

55. What is the tone of Pip and Joe's reunion?


56. What does Pip learn from Joe's conversation ?

Chapter 28

57. What ironic "reunion" occurs on the stagecoach?

Chapter 29

58. How does Pip react to the "new Estella"?



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Chapter 30

59. How does Orlick lose his job?

60. How do the townspeople react to Pip?

How does Trabb's boy react?

61. What are the facts surrounding Herbert's engagement?

Chapter 31

62. How does the audience react to the production of *Hamlet*?

Chapter 32

63. What is Wemmick's behavior in Newgate?

Chapter 33

64. What is the purpose of Estella's London visit? How does she feel about it?

65. Why does Pip decide against confiding his heartache in Mr. Pocket?

Chapter 34

66. What are the effects of Pip's expeditations?

Chapter 35

67. What funeral arrangements does Mr. Trabb oversee? How do Pip and Joe feel about the funeral style?

68. What is the “bad side of human nature” which Pip sees in Biddy?

Chapter 36.

69. What are Pip’s twenty-first birthday expectations? What does he receive?

70. What advice does Pip seek from Wemmick?

What advice does Wemmick give him?

Chapter 37

71. Describe the Aged Parent and Miss Skiffins .

72. What arrangements are made for Herbert’s future?

Chapter 38

73. What is the Richmond relationship between Pip and Estella?

74. How does Pip discover Miss Havisham’s use of Estella? How does she use her?

75. What is the argument between Estella and Miss Havisham ?

76. How does Drummle make Pip feel wretched?

What warning does Pip give Estella?

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Chapter 39

77. What is the setting in which Pip is reading? Why does he stop reading?

78. Who enters Pip's apartment? What is Pip's attitude toward the guest?

79. What does Pip learn about the convict's source of income? What does he learn about his own? How does Pip react?

Chapter 40

80. Why has Pip's benefactor returned?


81. What precautions are taken?

Why are they necessary?

Chapter 41

82. What is Pip's predicament?

What is unspoken between Pip and Herbert? What is ironic about their discussion?



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Chapter 42


83. Summarize Provis' biography. What significant connection does Herbert recognize in the story?

Chapter 43

84. What is suggested during the encounter between Pip and Drummle?

Chapter 44

85. What does Pip say to Estella and Miss Havisham? How do the women respond?




Chapter 45

86. Why does Wemmick favor moving Provis? Why does he approve of Herbert's chosen hideout?

Chapter 46

87. Describe the residents of the house at Mill Pond Bank.

88. What does Herbert propose?



Chapter 47

89. What is Pip's financial situation? What is his state of mind?

90. Whom does Mr. Wopsle recognize in the audience?

Chapter 48.

91. What does Pip realize about Molly? What does Wemmick tell him about her?

Chapter 49

92. How does Miss Havisham express her remorse toward Pip? What is her remorse toward Estella?

93. What illusion does Pip experience in the brewery? What does he do because of it?


Chapter 50

94. What does Herbert tell Pip about Provis? What does Pip conclude?

Chapter 51

95. How does Pip enlighten Jaggers? What does Pip demand from him in exchange?

96. What "imaginary" case does Jaggers "put before" Pip?



Chapter 52.

97. What does Wemmick propose?

What does Herbert propose?

98. What is the escape plan?

99. What are the contents of the letter Pip receives?

100. What causes Pip to regret his thanklessness toward Joe?



Chapter 53

101. Why does Orlick lure pip to the sluice-house?


102. What does Orlick know about Provis?

103. Who comes to Pip's rescue? How do they find him?

Chapter 54

104. What is Provis' attitude toward danger?

What is his attitude toward the escape?



105. What causes uneasiness among the crew?

106. Summarize Provis' arrest?

Chapter 55

107. What is Jaggers' opinion of the case?

108. What is Herbert's news? What does he propose?

109. What is unusual about Wemmick's wedding?

Chapter 56

110. What is Magwitch's physical condition? What is his state of mind?

111. Describe the sentencing of the prisoners.

How does it affect Pip?

112. What does Pip finally tell Magwitch?

Chapter 57

113. What is Pip's physical condition? What is his state of mind?

114. What news does Joe give Pip?

115. What is the relationship between Pip and Joe?

116. What is Pip's intention in going home?

Chapter 58

117. What does Pumblechook publicly instruct Pip to tell Joe? What does the imposter tell others?

118. What unusual conditions does Pip observe on his way to Joe's place?

What event has taken place?

119. How does Pip react to the news?

How does it alter his plans?

120. Summarize the next eleven years of Pip's life.

Chapter 59

120. What has happened to Joe, Biddy, and Estella in the same eleven years? How is Estella changed?

