

## **Great Expectations – Chapters 1-10 Review Questions**

### **Chapters 1-2**

1. What is Pip doing when the story opens?
2. What is Pip afraid will happen if he does not return with the file and food?
3. Why do you think Mrs. Joe calls her stick “Tickler”? What does this irony reveal about her?
4. From whose point of view is the story told? What is unusual about the way the author has used this point of view?
5. Why is Pip living with Joe Gargery? What is their relationship like?
6. Where are the comical passages in these chapters? Why does the author insert humor here, even when some of the scenes are frightening or filled with despair?
7. What does the author do at the end of Chapter 2 to keep readers interested?

### **Chapters 3-4**

8. Who does Pip meet when he sets out to make his delivery (Chapter 3)?
9. What is surprising about how the first convict acts when he hears about the second one?
10. What does Mr. Wopsle say about “the prodigal”? Why did Dickens include this allusion?
11. What is ironic about Mrs. Joe not attending church? Why doesn’t she go?
12. Who attends dinner at the Gargery’s house? What is funny about the dinner scene? About the scene when Joe and Pip go to church?
13. How does Dickens characterize Mr. Wopsle? Uncle Pumblechook?

## **Chapter 5**

14. How does the suspense of the previous chapter get resolved?
15. How does the author characterize the sergeant?
16. What accounts for the strange expression on the convict's face as he looks at Pip?
17. What seems to explain the anger existing between the two convicts?
18. How does Joe react when the prisoner says he stole the pie? What does this reveal about Joe as a person?
19. Why does the narrator refer to the ship as "a wicked Noah's ark"?

## **Chapters 6-7**

20. At the beginning of Chapter 6, why does Pip feel bad?
21. Why doesn't Pip feel ashamed for stealing Mrs. Joe's food when he does feel guilty for not telling the truth to Joe?
22. What does Mr. Pumblechook make of the news that a convict had stolen the food? What does his explanation reveal about him?
23. Where does Pip get his education? In what ways does the author satirize public education?
24. What do readers learn about Joe's childhood? Why didn't he finish school?
25. Explain Joe's play on the two meanings of the word "hammering".
26. What motivates Joe to stay with his wife?

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### Chapter 8

27. How does Pumblechook treat Pip before his visit to Satis House? Why?
28. Describe Satis House. Though it is a mansion, what other type of building does it seem to resemble?
29. What does Pip conclude about why Miss Havisham and the room look as they do?
30. How do Pip and Estella interact? What do their interactions reveal about each of them?
31. After visiting Satis House, why does Pip feel ashamed?
32. What does Pip see hanging by a beam as he leaves?

### Chapters 9-10

33. Why won't Pip tell the truth about what happened at Satis House?
34. What details of the "story" did you find funny?
35. Why do Mrs. Joe and Pumblechook believe his tale?
36. How does Joe react when Pip tells him the truth? What does this reveal about Joe?
37. How have Pip's expectations changed? What does he expect now?
38. Reread the end of Chapter 9. What changes do you expect the visit to make?
39. Reread the first two pages of Chapter 10. Why is Pip dissatisfied with Mrs. Wopsle's school? Identify at least 5 reasons.
40. How do readers know that the bank notes came from the convicts?