

Great Expectations Study Guide Questions – Chapters 14 - 19

Chapters 14-15

1. Why doesn't Pip run away if he is so ashamed of his home and the forge?
2. Why does Pip go back to Satis House despite Joe's advice that he shouldn't?
3. Why does Sarah Pocket treat Pip with such contempt?
4. How does Joe get into a fight with Orlick?
5. Where is Estella at this point?
6. Who is George Barnwell? Why does Pip identify with him?

Chapters 16-17

1. Explain why Biddy believes Orlick may have hurt Mrs. Joe. What does this tell you about Biddy?
2. How does the author characterize the police?
3. In Pip's mind, how are Biddy and Estella different? Who does he value the most? What does this tell you about Pip?
4. Why does Pip tell Biddy about his attraction to Estella?
5. Summarize the reasons why Pip does not like Orlick. Does his anger seem justified?

6. In what way does Pip seem immature?

Chapter 18

7. Summarize the news that Jaggers brings.
8. What conditions are set for Pip to realize his new, great expectations?
9. Why does Pip believe Miss Havisham sent Jaggers?
10. Why does Pip say he is unhappy despite his great fortune? What does he mean by this?

Chapter 19

11. Pip promises that he will come back to his village and do something for everyone. Do you think he will keep this promise? Why or why not?
12. Why does Pumblechook tell Pip that his fortune is “well-deserved”? Give evidence to support the idea that he is insincere.
13. Who is Trabb? Pip describes him as a “hail-fellow-well-met.” What does he mean by this? How does Trabb treat Pip? Why?
14. What does Miss Havisham say and do that makes Pip more certain that she is the source of his new wealth?
15. How does Pip feel about leaving home? What is the tone of the last two pages in the chapter?
16. How many of Pip’s earlier expectations have been realized?
17. How have Pip’s expectations changed? What does he expect now?