

## Great Expectations Study Guide Questions – Chapters 30-39

### Chapters 30-31

1. What does Pip do to get even with Orlick?
2. What does Pip confess about Estella? What is Herbert's advice about the confession? What advice would you have given Pip?
3. Describe Wopsle's performance in Hamlet. Why did he change his name?

### Chapters 32-33

4. Why does Pip meet Estella's coach so early? What does this say about him?
5. What is Wemmick's "green-house"? Why is this such an odd metaphor? Why might Wemmick treat the prison this way?
6. In Chapter 32, what image is *juxtaposed* with Newgate?
7. Why has Estella come to London?
8. Given the way Dickens portrays Estella, what do you think attracts Pip to her?
9. Though Estella treats him badly, Pip has hope. In what does his hope lie?

**Chapters 34-35**

10. Who are the “Finches of the Grove”? Why does Pip associate with them?
11. Describe Pip’s spending habits. What do Pip and Herbert do when their spending seems out of control? Explain “leaving a margin”. How helpful is this practice?
12. What is the significance of Mrs. Joe’s death? What is surprising about how Pip feels about his sister now? Why doesn’t it bring Joe and Pip closer?
13. What is ironic about Pip’s claim that Biddy has done “an injustice” and “an injury” to him?

**Chapters 36-37**

14. How did Pip’s life change when he turned 21?
15. After having a birthday supper with Jaggers and Wemmick, why does Pip go to Walworth?
16. Why does Wemmick give advice at Walworth that contradicts what he has said on Gerrard Street?
17. How is Pip changing? Why does he cry after returning from Walworth?

### **Chapter 38**

18. How is Miss Havisham described in Chapter 38? What images does the author invoke to describe her? Why?
19. Why is Miss Havisham so pleased with Estella's behavior? How does her success teaching Estella also cause her great pain?
20. What does Pip clearly realize about Miss Havisham?
21. What devastating news does Pip get about Estella while visiting Satis House?
22. Why does Pip stay devoted to Estella even when he sees how she treats him and her other suitors?

### **Chapter 39**

23. How does the "heavy slab" fall?
24. How does the weather mirror Pip's emotions and foreshadow events?
25. What is Pip's first reaction to his strange visitor?
26. What is Pip's horrible realization?
27. Why has the man returned to England?
28. How does Pip feel about the visitor at the end of the chapter?
29. How have Pip's expectations changed? What does he expect now?