

Great Expectations Review Questions – Chapters 40 - 48

Chapter 40

1. How does Abel Magwitch resemble Joe?
2. What did Magwitch say that he characterizes as “low”? What does this characterization reveal about him?
3. Why does Pip find it so difficult to disguise Magwitch?
4. Why does Magwitch insist that Herbert swear on the Bible? What does this reveal about Magwitch?

Chapters 41-42

5. Why might it be important to Magwitch that Pip “always bear the name of Pip”?
6. Why does Pip feel he cannot receive any more money from Magwitch? Is this an admirable trait of Pip’s?
7. What advice does Herbert offer about Magwitch? Why does he say Pip should wait to tell Magwitch that he cannot accept his money?
8. Who is Compeyson? Identify two coincidences involving him. Why does Magwitch hate him?
9. How does Magwitch’s life story affect what you think of him? What effect does it have on Pip?

Chapters 43-44

10. What danger do Herbert and Pip realize Magwitch is in?
11. What effect does Magwitch’s appearance have on Pip’s feelings for Estella?
12. Why does he go to Satis House?

13. Who does he see at the Blue Boar? Who does he think he sees?
14. How does Miss Havisham explain why she did not correct Pip's belief that Estella was intended for him?
15. How do Pip's conversations at Satis House reveal that he is changing? What, if anything, does he say that takes courage or shows virtue?
16. How is Pip feeling as he leaves Satis House?

Chapters 45-46

17. What is the mood at the Hummums? Why does he stay there?
18. Describe life at Clara's house.
19. What information does Pip give Magwitch? Why does he withhold information about Compeyson? What does this reveal about Pip?
20. How does the pair plan to get Magwitch on a ship leaving for England?

Chapters 47-48

21. What does Pip describe as his primary concern, a "high mountain above a range of mountains"? Why does this concern cause him such anxiety?
22. Why does Pip return Magwitch's unopened pocket book?
23. What kind of husband does Jaggers suggest Drummle will be to Estella?
24. What happened at Hounslow Heath?
25. How did Jaggers know Molly? Why did he refer to her strong hands when Pip met her (in Chapter 26)? What does Pip deduce about her?