

Great Expectations – Chapters 8 - 13 Review Questions

Chapter 8

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

Chapters 9-10

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

Chapter 11

15. Identify and describe the people that Pip meets during his next visit to Satis House.
16. Which relative do the others talk about? What do they dislike about him?
17. What strange centerpiece does Pip see on the table? How does Miss Havisham explain it?
18. Who does Pip meet as he leaves the mansion? What happens with this boy? Why do you think the boy is at Satis House?

Chapters 12 – 13

19. Why does Pip think Miss Havisham is going bestow her wealth on Pip? Why do you think Miss Havisham manipulates Pip into thinking she is going to give him money, yet never does? What could she get from this behavior?
20. Discuss why Pip feels that his fight with the “pale, young gentleman” is his fault, and why this is often how Pip feels about himself.
21. What does Miss Havisham offer to do for Pip, and why does Pip feel uncomfortable visiting Satis House with Joe?
22. Who does Pip begin to confide in instead of Joe? Why does he do this?
23. Who takes the most of the credit for Miss Havisham’s gift? Who takes the money?
24. What does Pip mean when he says, “I should never like Joe’s trade. I had liked it once, but once was not now”?