Great Expectations
Charles Dickens
Great Expectations: Introduction

Is it childish to dream about a future completely different from what you expect to happen?
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In *Great Expectations*, Pip is at first content with his future as______________________________.

The blacksmith,_______
______________________, is much nicer than _____
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One day Pip wanders across the marshes to visit ________________________________.

But instead, he finds ___________________________ who demands that Pip____________________________
__________________________________________________________.
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Although the man is later caught, Pip feels horribly guilty. He is sure Joe will be ______________ if he finds out what Pip has done.
But this frightening episode fades from Pip’s memory when he encounters even more remarkable people.

He is invited to ______________________ house to be a______________________________
___________________________________________________________.

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Years ago, Miss Havisham’s fiancé stood her up at the altar.

Ever since, she has remained in______________________________

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_______________________________.
Everything is left just as it was the day of her heartbreak.
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Pip’s friends all hope that Miss Havisham will “do something” for him- ____________________.

However, for Pip, the appeal of Miss Havisham’s house isn’t just the thought of money or the elegant lifestyle: It’s______________________.
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And then, the unexpected happens!

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Is Miss Havisham giving Pip the money?

Does she hope to make Pip into a gentleman for his own sake?

Or is it for the sake of someone else?
Great Expectations: Background

Charles Dickens (1812–1870) was_________.

•During this period, people who simply could not pay their bills often went to_________.

•A criminal who was considered dangerous might be_______________________.

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In Dickens’s time, London was a rich city, but ________________________________
_____________________________.

• Children of those in debtors’ prison often had to __________
______________________________.

• A child might work up to ________________________________.

• Labor in a factory or work pulling a cart earned________________________. 
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Shortly before his own father was sent to debtors’ prison, twelve-year-old Charles was______________________________.

• Dickens’s unfinished autobiography describes the _________________________ _________________________ _____________________.

• He worked________________________
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The unique history of Australia is tied to a thread in *Great Expectations*.

• In Dickens’ time, British convicts were ________________________________
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  ________________________________.

• Convicts thought to pose some threat to society might be_______
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  ________________________________.
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During the time when Australia served as a_________________, prisoners were deposited near what is now Sydney.

• Only the ________________ people could prosper in the harsh conditions.

• Once sent to Australia, a convict was_________ _____________________________.

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Great Expectations: Discussion Starters

Discuss (1)
Orphaned and then cared for by a harsh older sister, Pip stumbles upon great opportunity.
• Is it best to jump at whatever opportunity comes along? Or should a person consider staying in familiar territory?
• What problems might come from dreaming of a better future? What rewards?
Great Expectations: Discussion Starters

Discuss (2)
Loyalty and gratitude are just two thematic concepts running through *Great Expectations*.
• What are the qualities of a loyal friend?
• Should a friend’s loyalty have limits?
• Should a successful person show gratitude to those who have helped along the way?