

## Bleak House

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## Book key

- 1.1 Open answers
- 1.2 Open answers
- 2.1 1 Mrs Jellyby 2 Esther Summerson  
3 Sir Leicester Dedlock 4 Richard Carstone  
5 Miss Flite 6 Mr Guppy 7 Mr Tulkinghorn  
8 Lady Honoria Dedlock
- 2.2 1 without hope 2 lawyers 3 hidden 4 love  
5 Richard and Ada 6 was 7 criticise  
8 rent a room from 9 generous 10 a hard
- 2.3 1 Before travelling 2 in helping 3 by copying  
4 in addition to being 5 After meeting  
6 of buying, selling
- 2.4 1 3 2 4 3 4 4 3 5 4 6 3 7 3 8 4
- 3.1 Open answers
- 3.2 1 Lady Dedlock: John Jarndyce, Mr Tulkinghorn,  
Mr Nemo, Jo, Mr Guppy Esther Summerson:  
John Jarndyce, Allan Woodcourt, Richard Carstone,  
Miss Flite, Mr Guppy  
2 Open answers
- 3.3 1 awfully 2 very much 3 unbelievably  
4 wonderfully 5 equally 6 perfectly 7 enough  
8 horribly 9 deeply 10 clearly 11 surprisingly  
12 cheerfully
- 3.4 Open answers (1 Jo 2 Mr Tulkinghorn  
3 Mr Nemo 4 Mr Guppy 5 Lady Dedlock  
6 Esther Summerson)
- 4.1 1 A police officer orders Jo to move five kilometres  
away from his usual streets.  
2 Mr Tulkinghorn is looking for an example of Captain  
Hawdon's writing.  
3 Mr Nemo's surname at birth was *Hawdon*.  
4 Mr Guppy thinks he might be able to marry Esther  
Summerson one day if he can help her to discover  
more about her background.  
5 Lady Dedlock suffers when she learns that Esther  
Summerson is really her daughter.  
6 Esther Summerson has secretly hoped that Allan  
Woodcourt will fall in love with her.
- 4.2 1 A Miss Hortense B Mr Tulkinghorn  
C Mr Nemo D Esther Summerson  
E Esther Summerson F Miss Flite  
2 Open answers
- 4.3 'I don't expect *anything*, sir; and I don't know *anything*,'  
cried Jo.  
or 'I expect nothing, sir; and I know nothing,' cried Jo.  
1 nowhere 2 that 3 whose 4 something  
5 himself 6 herself 7 something 8 who  
9 No one / Nobody 10 other
- 4.4 Open answers
- 5.1 1 T 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T
- 5.2 1 a 6 b 3 c 5 d 1 e 4 f 2
- 2 Open answers
- 5.3 1 Lady Dedlock's letters were destroyed by a fire  
at Mr Krook's.  
2 The loan from Mr Smallweed was signed by  
Mr Rouncewell's friend.  
3 The conditions of the loan have been changed  
by Mr Smallweed.  
4 Sir Leicester is told an imaginary story by  
Mr Tulkinghorn.  
5 Ada was left some money by her parents.  
6 Esther has been invited to be the lady of Bleak  
House by Mr Jarndyce. / Esther has been invited by  
Mr Jarndyce to be the lady of Bleak House.
- 5.4 Open answers (Sir Leicester: protective and proud  
Richard: weak and self-destructive  
Mr Jarndyce: generous and forgiving  
Mr Tulkinghorn: cruel and controlling  
Esther: kind and loyal  
Allan Woodcourt: brave and skilful  
Lady Dedlock: anxious and ashamed  
Ada: loving but worried  
Mr Bucket: businesslike and energetic)
- 6.1 1 Ada 2 Mr Bucket 3 Mr Tulkinghorn  
4 Mr Jarndyce 5 Sir Leicester  
6 Allan Woodcourt 7 Esther 8 Richard  
9 Lady Dedlock
- 6.2
- 1 Death of Mr Tulkinghorn  
Time: about 10 at night Place: his office  
Method: gun shot  
Possible murderers: George Rouncewell  
Miss Hortense Lady Dedlock  
Information about Miss Hortense that helped  
solve the crime:  
1) Mrs Bucket saw her writing letters that said:  
Lady Dedlock  
2) She was not in her seat at the theatre when the  
murder happened.  
3) She threw a gun into a stream in the countryside.

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## 2 Search for Lady Dedlock

Late at night: Found Esther Summerson and searched the streets of London with her; then went towards the town of St Albans.

Brick-makers said the lady went north on the high road; Jenny went towards London.

Realised we were following the wrong dress.

Turned south.

5.30 in the morning: Met up with Mr Woodcourt near Chancery Lane.

Guster, Snagsby's servant, had a letter from Lady Dedlock and gave her directions to the burial ground for the poor. Found her body there.

- 6.3 1 Lady Dedlock to send  
 2 George Rouncewell to help  
 3 Mr Bucket to discover  
 4 Mr Woodcourt to celebrate  
 5 Miss Hortense to be
- 6.4 1 is out of prison in a few days.  
 2 Mrs Rouncewell and her son George.  
 3 at Chesney Wold.  
 4 Mr Alan Woodcourt.  
 5 get nothing.  
 6 Richard Carstone.

Talk about it Open answers

Write about it Open answers

Project Open answers

## Discussion activities key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 Guppy: I have a good job, I live in a clean and safe area of the city and I am handsome. Will you marry me?  
 Ester: I can't marry you. I don't think you are handsome and also I already have a boyfriend.  
 G: Who is your boyfriend?  
 E: I don't want to tell you.  
 G: Is it Mr Jarndyce? He's old enough to be your father, or even your grandfather.  
 E: Mr Guppy! Stop being so rude...
- 3 Open answers
- 4 Professions: doctor, lawyer, accountant, banker, pilot, police officer, receptionist, hairdresser, plumber, baker, builder, teacher, bartender, journalist, politician, secretary.
- 5 George Rouncewell became a soldier. Nemo died from taking too much opium. Miss Hortense was a

very jealous woman. Jo notices that Lady Dedlock is wearing beautiful rings. Mr Woodcourt left a bunch of flowers for Esther. Lady Dedlock is waiting in a hut. Richard is in debt. Richard decides to go into the army.

- 6–7 Open answers
- 8 Answers: So that his friend wouldn't have to pay the loan for him. Jo died of a fever. Because Richard thinks Jarndyce is trying to trick him. He says he wants to marry her.
- 9–10 Open answers
- 11 Crime list: murder, manslaughter, theft, robbery, kidnapping, hijacking, fraud, mugging, burglary, arson, assault, drug dealing, smuggling, rape, extortion, bribery.
- 12–13 Open answers
- 14 Character list: Esther Summerson, Mr John Jarndyce, Mr Tulkinghorn, Richard Carstone, Ada Clare, Sir Leicester Dedlock, Lady Dedlock, Mr Snagsby, Miss Flight, Mr Guppy, Mr Krook, George Rouncewell, Jo, Alan Woodcourt, Miss Hortense, Captain Hawdon, Mrs Jellyby, Mr Smallweed.
- 15 Three example definitions for the word *ladder*:  
 A: It's a type of hat, worn in the United States, when the weather is very cold. B: It's a type of portable stairs that painters and builders use. C: It's a famous dessert in England made with fruit and cream.

## Activity worksheets key

- 1 a Mr Tulkinghorn  
 b Lady Dedlock  
 c The Lord Chancellor  
 d Miss Flite  
 e Mr Jarndyce  
 f Mr Guppy  
 g Esther
- 2 a argument  
 b request  
 c whisper  
 d disorganised  
 e softly  
 f basket  
 g cheerful
- 3 a opportunity  
 b envelope  
 c information  
 d frightened  
 e fashionable  
 f comfortable
- 4 a 4 b 3 c 5 d 1 e 6 f 2

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- 5 loud – knock  
gold – coin  
affordable – price  
next – door  
rude – words  
burning – smell  
act – quickly  
stay – calm
- 6 a Lunch.  
b Mr Snagsby and Mr Bucket.  
c Miss Hortense.  
d At Jenny's house.  
e A small flame from a lamp.  
f On a pretty seat under a tree in the gardens of Mr Boythorn's house.
- 7 a loved > hated  
b darkness > light  
c lent > borrowed  
d ill > healthy  
e continue > abandon  
f tidy > wild
- 8 a Guppy believed the letters were destroyed in a fire.  
b The soldier produced a letter from his pocket.  
c Tulkinghorn heard a knock at his door.  
d Some houses were falling into the street.  
e Esther arranged a short trip to London.  
f Esther put Woodcourt's flowers in a book.
- 9 a during  
b did  
c into  
d saw  
e among  
f who  
g with
- 10 a X b X c ✓ d ✓ e ✓ f X
- 11 a changes  
b absent  
c sunken  
d description  
e nervous  
f gate  
g noticed

- 12 a murder of Mr Tulkinghorn.  
b murderer written beside it.  
c money behind.  
d legal costs.  
e with blood.  
f lit up his face.
- 13 a In Mr Tulkinghorn's office.  
b On the floor of the library.  
c To church.  
d In the north of England.  
e In Mr Krook's property.  
f At the offices of Kenge and Carboy.  
g Seven years.

## Progress test key

- 1 a 4 b 3 c 7 d 5 e 9 f 1 g 6 h 8  
i 10 j 2
- 2 a X b ✓ c ✓ d X e X f ✓ g X h X  
i ✓ j ✓
- 3 a Mrs Rouncewell b Mr Snagsby c Nemo  
d Mr Guppy e Mr Rouncewell f Esther  
g Mr Tulkinghorn h Richard i Mr Bucket  
j Mr Jarndyce
- 4 a The job of housekeeper.  
b Tulkinghorn.  
c Medicine.  
d In a church.  
e In Krook's shop.  
f Private detective.  
g Because he saved many lives.  
h Mr Boythorn.  
i In his office.  
j His wife.
- 5 a secretive b cousin c worried d coat  
e friend f blind g handkerchief h friends  
i a party j no