

## Bleak House

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## While reading

## Chapters 1–2

## 1 Write the names next to the person who says or thinks this.

Mr Jarndyce Miss Flite Mr Tulkinghorn  
 Esther Mr Guppy The Lord Chancellor  
 Lady Dedlock

- a 'Why is she interested in who wrote that document?' .....
- b 'I feel sick. I need to leave the room.' .....
- c 'The children can stay at Bleak House.' .....
- d 'I'm mad now but I wasn't when I was a young ward.' .....
- e 'I spend a lot of time in this room when I'm in a bad mood.' .....
- f 'I have a good job at Kenge and Carboy.' .....
- g 'I feel amused and sad at the same time about what Guppy said.' .....

## 2 Find the right words in Chapters 1–2.

- a When two or more people discuss their different points of view. (p. 1) .....
- b To ask for something. (p. 4) .....
- c To say something very quietly so others can't hear you. (p. 5) .....
- d Another word for untidy. (p. 7) .....
- e To do or say something in a quiet way. (p. 9) .....
- f Something used to keep things in. (p. 9) .....
- g A happy and pleasant place or person. (p. 10) .....

## Chapters 3–4

3 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a Krook was a person who never missed an pynupirotto .....
- b They found an empty nelepove ..... in the suitcase.
- c Lady Dedlock wanted to know how much ritonafimno ..... Tulkinghorn had about Nemo.
- d Miss Flite was gefiedtrhn ..... by the death of Nemo.
- e Lady Dedlock had a very enahasfobil ..... appearance.

- f Esther did not have febmotlarco ..... thoughts about Richard.

## 4 What's first? Number the sentences, 1–6.

- a ☐ Jo shows Lady Dedlock Nemo's grave.
- b ☐ Tulkinghorn talks to Jo.
- c ☐ Lady Dedlock and Esther meet in a hut.
- d ☐ Guppy visits Lady Dedlock's house.
- e ☐ Richard decides to join the army.
- f ☐ Tulkinghorn discovers Nemo's dead body.

## Chapters 5–6

## 5 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

loud	smell
gold	calm
affordable	door
next	price
rude	quickly
burning	coin
act	words
stay	knock

## 6 Answer the questions.

- a What did Guppy offer to buy Tony Jobling? .....
- b Which two people did Tulkinghorn invite to dinner? .....
- c Who was wearing a dark coat in Tulkinghorn's office? .....
- d Where did Esther find Jo? .....
- e What was the first thing Esther saw when she could see again? .....
- f Where did Esther talk to Lady Dedlock? .....

## Chapters 7–8

7 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Miss Hortense said that she loved Lady Dedlock. ....
- b Jo wanted to know if the darkness was coming when he was dying. ....
- c Richard had lent money for the legal case. ....

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- d When Esther returned to Bleak House she felt ill. ....
- e Esther wanted Guppy to continue his searches into her life. ....
- f Richard's hair and clothes looked as tidy as the room. ....

### 8 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a the Guppy letters in believed were fire a destroyed  
.....
- b pocket soldier The produced his letter a from  
.....
- c heard Tulkinghorn a at door his knock  
.....
- d the Some street were houses falling into  
.....
- e trip Esther a arranged London to short  
.....
- f book flowers a Woodcourt's put Esther in  
.....

### Chapters 9–10

#### 9 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a They were silent during for a few minutes.
- b The dogs and cats made did a lot of noise.
- c Tulkinghorn had been shot through into the heart.
- d Rouncewell had been saw seen at Tulkinghorn's house.
- e The murder happened among between the beginning and the end of the play.
- f The policemen found the gun which who killed Mr Tulkinghorn.
- g The burial ground was surrounded with by poor houses.

#### 10 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

- a Tulkinghorn was happy that Rosa had gone to her village. ☐
- b A maid found Tulkinghorn's body at midnight. ☐
- c Esther thought that Ada was unhappy about her and Jarndyce's wedding plans. ☐
- d Richard and Ada had been married for two months. ☐
- e Bucket wanted Esther to join the search for Lady Dedlock. ☐
- f Lady Dedlock talked to Mr Snagsby. ☐

#### 11 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- noticed description changes gate absent  
sunken nervous
- a Tulkinghorn didn't want any ..... to happen at Chesney Wold.
- b The birthday guests were sad because Richard was ..... from it.
- c Richard's eyes were large and ..... and his body was thin.
- d Bucket left a ..... of Lady Dedlock at the police station.
- e Snagsby's servant, Guster, was a very ..... girl.
- f The burial ground had a big iron ..... that was always locked.
- g Esther ..... a body lying on the wet step.

### Chapters 11–12

#### 12 Finish the sentences.

- a George was in custody for the .....
- b Lady Dedlock saw her name and the word .....
- c Lady Dedlock left all her jewels and .....
- d All the money in the case had gone for .....
- e Richard's mouth began to fill .....
- f As Ada bent to kiss Richard, a smile .....

#### 13 Answer these questions.

- a Where was the packet of letters found?  
.....
- b Where did the servant find Sir Leicester?  
.....
- c Where did George and his mother go every Sunday?  
.....
- d Where had Mr Woodcourt been offered a medical practice?  
.....
- e Where was the new will found?  
.....
- f Where did Mr Kenge look at the new will?  
.....
- g How long had Esther been married to Allan at the end of the book?  
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- a ☐ Esther sees Lady Dedlock for the first time in church.
- b ☐ Tulkinghorn finds Nemo dead in his bed.
- c ☐ Lady Dedlock leaves her house for the last time.
- d ☐ Esther agrees to marry Mr Jarndyce.
- e ☐ Mr Jarndyce gives Esther and Woodcourt a house.
- f ☐ Lady Dedlock recognises someone's handwriting.
- g ☐ Bucket arrests Rouncewell for the murder of Tulkinghorn.
- h ☐ Sir Leicester becomes very ill.
- i ☐ The legal case ends.
- j ☐ Mr Guppy asks Esther to marry him.

## 2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The Jarndyce case was all about one will. ☐
- b Sir Leicester thought that Tulkinghorn was a good man. ☐
- c Miss Flite lived in the same house as Mr Krook. ☐
- d Richard wanted to be a politician. ☐
- e Miss Hortense was from Belgium. ☐
- f Mr Rouncewell hated Mr Tulkinghorn. ☐
- g Mr Krook killed himself. ☐
- h Mr Tulkinghorn was poisoned by Miss Hortense. ☐
- i Mr Rouncewell told Bucket he had seen a woman in Tulkinghorn's house on the night of the murder. ☐
- j Esther was the first person to touch Lady Dedlock's dead body. ☐

## 3 Finish the sentences with the right names.

Mr Rouncewell   Mr Jarndyce   Mrs Rouncewell  
Nemo   Esther   Mr Bucket   Richard   Mr Snagsby  
Mr Guppy   Mr Tulkinghorn

- a ..... was the housekeeper at Sir Leicester's home.
- b ..... had a Law-Writing and Copying shop.
- c ..... would always give Jo money if he had any.
- d ..... and Tony Jobling discovered Krook's burnt body.
- e ..... thought that his friend Hawdon had died at sea.
- f The mother and father of ..... were not married.

- g ..... did not want Lady Dedlock to leave her home.
- h ..... had serious financial problems.
- i ..... received several letters with Lady Dedlock's name on them.
- j ..... realised that Woodcourt and Esther would be happy together.

## 4 Answer these questions.

- a What job did Jarndyce offer Esther?  
.....
- b Who told Lady Dedlock that Nemo was dead?  
.....
- c What did Richard decide to study first?  
.....
- d Where did Esther first see Lady Dedlock?  
.....
- e Where does Guppy's friend Jobling rent a room?  
.....
- f What was Mr Bucket's job?  
.....
- g Why did everyone think that Woodcourt was a hero?  
.....
- h Who had a disagreement with Sir Leicester about some land?  
.....
- i Where was Tulkinghorn murdered?  
.....
- j Who helped Mr Bucket find the gun?  
.....

## 5 Circle the right words.

- a Mr Tulkinghorn is a very *open* / *secretive* person.
- b Mr Jarndyce is the *cousin* / *uncle* of Richard and Ada.
- c Mr Jarndyce was *amused* / *worried* about Richard's choices of jobs.
- d Jo recognised the *coat* / *voice* of Miss Hortense.
- e Mr Rouncewell was a *friend* / *relative* of Captain Hawdon.
- f Esther thought she had gone *blind* / *deaf* after her illness.
- g Lady Dedlock kept a *ring* / *handkerchief* of Esther's.
- h Mr Woodcourt and Richard were *enemies* / *friends*.
- i Mr Bucket arrested Rouncewell at a *party* / *his workplace*.
- j Richard and Ada received *some* / *no* money from the court case.