



Silas Marner

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While reading

Chapters 1–3

1 Write the names to finish the sentences.

Silas Marner William Dane Sarah
The Minister Squire Cass Godfrey Cass
Dunstan Cass

- a chose a card with a mark on it.
- b owned a lot of land with farms on it.
- c never drank with the men in the village bar.
- d forgave his own faults but not those of other people.
- e was a rude man and nobody liked him.
- f didn't want to see Silas again.
- g gave his brother permission to sell his horse, Wildfire.

2 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

strong	well
narrow	great
low	alive
hard	polite
sick	weak
heavy	high
dead	empty
terrible	wide
full	soft
rude	light

Chapters 4–6

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

- a Bryce rfedfoe a hundred and twenty pounds for Wildfire.
- b At first, Dunstan jumped the highest walls without ertbluo
- c There was a trihgb fire inside Silas's house.
- d The sand vedocre the stones completely in one place.
- e Silas's tisorptnof in the sand soon covered Dunstan's.
- f Silas redhsaec for his gold in every corner of the room.
- g Jem tildef a glass and prepared to throw it at Silas.

h There was no peoh in Silas's eyes when he left the bar.

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Dunstan didn't know anything about Silas's money.
- b Dunstan didn't take Wildfire straight to Batherley.
- c Dunstan was carrying a riding stick that belonged to his father.
- d Silas normally looked at his gold after his evening meal.
- e Jem Rodney often stole birds and fish from the Squire.
- f Silas looked well and happy when he arrived at the village bar.
- g The villagers felt sorry for Silas when he told them his story.
- h Mr Dowlas had a plan to search Silas's house.

Chapters 7–9

5 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Dunstan found a small tinder-box near the quarry.
- b Godfrey spoke to his father after dinner.
- c Squire Cass behaved like the most stupid man in the country.
- d Squire Cass didn't wanted to keep any more women for Dunstan at his cost.
- e Without his gold, Silas was the happiest of men.
- f Mr Macey wanted Silas to go to the bar with the other villagers.
- g Mrs Winthrop looked for ways of hurting other people.
- h Squire Cass had a very big party on Christmas Day.

6 Circle the extra word in the sentences.

- a There was metal for make making a fire in the tinder-box.
- b The village people took the most greatest interest in the peddler.
- c Godfrey borrowed lent a horse and rode towards Batherley.
- d The next morning, Godfrey's old afraid fears came back.



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- e A description of the peddler was send sent to every village.
- f Poorer people greeted on Silas in the village.
- g Aaron was hid hiding behind his mother's chair.
- h After church, the villagers could eat and enjoy with themselves.

Chapters 10–12

7 Answer the questions.

- a What did Godfrey send to Molly?
.....
- b Where was Silas when Molly's child arrived at his house?
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- c What did Silas see in the snow under a tree?
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- d What did Godfrey give Silas?
.....
- e What did Silas tie the child to?
.....
- f Why did Silas call the child Eppie?
.....
- g Where did Silas put Eppie after she cut the cloth and ran away?
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8 Find words in Chapters 10–12.

- a You have five on each hand. (p. 37)
.....
- b Little pieces of wood. (p. 38)
- c Something funny. (p. 39)
- d Not thin. (p. 40)
- e Moved quickly. (p. 42)
- f Made hot. (p. 43)
- g Moving because of cold or fear. (p. 47)
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Chapters 13–15

9 Finish the sentences with the right word.

- held ring shook duty unable fields shape
- a The of Silas's back made him look like an old man.
 - b Eppie up a piece of food for the cat and dog.
 - c Silas gave Eppie her mother's when she was older.
 - d Nancy and Godfrey were to have more children.

- e There was no water in the quarry after the work in the
- f Godfrey's hand when he talked to his wife.
- g Nancy wanted to do her with Eppie.

10 Finish the sentences.

- a The fine furniture in Silas's house came from
- b Dolly thinks, 'Perhaps if a man doesn't believe in God, ?'
- c Eppie wanted to move the tree
- d Godfrey wanted to adopt a child but his wife
- e Nancy said to Godfrey, 'You should bring Eppie..... ?'

Chapters 16–18

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

- a Silas wanted to use the money for Eppie's rgeimaar
- b Godfrey found it very difficult to explain his eubsnsis
- c Eppie put her hand on Silas's udhorels
- d When Eppie was a baby, her father was only a dahwos
- e Nancy wanted to make her busnadh feel better.
- f In Raveloe, dinsgdew were usually in spring.
- g The flowers in the garden ecedmolw the wedding group.

12 Put the words in the right place to make sentences.

- a was hid fear his Godfrey frightened but he
- b deep father's Eppie felt her unhappiness
- c shook Silas When voice his spoke
- d was cotton Eppie's dress of wedding made white
- e people walked through happy Four gate the



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1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Silas Marner left Lantern Yard because of a stolen bag of money.
- b Silas Marner never helped any of the villagers in Raveloe.
- c Dunstan found Silas's money in a hole under the floor.
- d Many of the villagers believed a peddler took Silas's money.
- e Squire Cass was always happy about the things his sons did.
- f Dolly wanted Silas to go to church and listen to her son sing.
- g Molly died when she was on her way to see Silas.
- h Eppie cut a piece of cloth with a pair of scissors.
- i Silas and Eppie had a hard life together and were often unhappy.
- j Eppie preferred to live the simple life of a poor country girl.

2 What happened first? Number the sentences, 1–10.

- a Godfrey told his father about the rent money he gave to Dunstan.
- b Eppie and Aaron got married.
- c Silas Marner stopped believing in God and went to live alone by a quarry.
- d Dunstan's body was found and Godfrey told Nancy about his first wife.
- e Molly lay down in the snow and a small child walked into Silas's house.
- f Godfrey agreed to let his brother sell Wildfire.
- g Dolly taught Silas to look after Eppie.
- h Godfrey talked to Eppie about going to live with him and Nancy.
- i Dunstan stole Silas's money from under the floor.
- j Aaron offered to help Silas to prepare the ground for a garden.

3 Write the names to finish the sentences.

- Silas Squire Cass Godfrey Dunstan Eppie
Nancy Dolly Molly Aaron William Dane
- a had a baby that died and didn't want to adopt another one.
 - b had golden hair and blue eyes.
 - c weaved and lived a very quiet life for fifteen years.

- d took Silas's knife and didn't give it back to him.
- e had two sons who often got into bad company.
- f jumped some very high walls on Wildfire.
- g received money from her husband and spent it on opium.
- h was sad when his first wife died but also happy because he could marry somebody else.
- i was a kind woman who always looked for ways to help her neighbours.
- j had a very beautiful voice when he was a child.

4 Finish the sentences with the right word.

- hunt tight tie behaved stepped signs
busy duty news knees
- a The church people fell on their and asked God for help.
 - b Dunstan rode Wildfire to a
 - c Mr Dowlas wanted to go to Silas's house to look for of the thief.
 - d Squire Cass like the most important man in the country.
 - e The Squire accidentally on Nancy's dress.
 - f The little girl's, wet shoes were hurting her feet.
 - g Silas decided to Eppie to his loom.
 - h Godfrey's hand was shaking and his face was white when he told Nancy the terrible
 - i Godfrey believed he had a to look after his daughter.
 - j The people of Raveloe were not too on their farms in spring.

5 Circle the extra word in the sentences.

- a If Dunstan sells Wildfire, he can give gave the money back to Godfrey.
- b The villagers were sitting sit in the bar, when Silas arrived.
- c Squire Cass was different of from other Raveloe farmers.
- d At the Squire's New Year party, the guests were dancing and talking happy happily.
- e Eppie was tell told about her mother by Silas.