While reading

Introduction

1 Who is who? Write the names from the box in the right places.

Dr Manette  Gabelle  Thomas Carlyle
Charles Darnay  Sydney Carton
Mr Lorry  Lucie

a ................. is tried in London as a spy.
b Charles Darnay and Sydney Carton are both in love with .................
c ................. goes to Paris with Lucie.
d ................. is a lawyer and he looks like Charles Darnay.
e ................. was a friend of Dickens's and wrote *The French Revolution*.
f ................. is Lucie's father.
g ................. is a tax collector.

Chapters 1–5

2 Are these statements about the information contained in Chapters 1 and 2 true (T) or not true (NT)? If they are not true, correct them.

a The people in Saint Antoine are very poor.

b Someone drops a barrel of wine and the poor people drink it.

c Monsieur Defarge keeps Dr Manette prisoner in his wine shop.

d Dr Manette used to work for Monsieur Defarge.

e Lucie Manette was brought up by Jarvis Lorry.

f When Lucie saw her father, he was busy making shoes.

g The Bastille is a great prison in London.

h Lucie's father had been a prisoner in the Bastille.

i Lucie's father remembers a lot about his life before he was sent to prison.

3 Who asks the following questions? What are the answers? Explain the situation.

a ‘What’s the next case?’

b ‘Miss Manette, have you seen the prisoner before?’

c ‘Are you quite sure that it was the prisoner?’

d ‘... do you think I like you?’

e ‘Why have I been so successful and you so unsuccessful?’

Chapters 6–8

4 Which is the best answer 1, 2 or 3? When you have finished, compare your answers with those of another student.

a Who was killed by the Marquis of Evrémonde? ....

1) Gaspard.
2) Gaspard's wife.
3) Gaspard's child.

b The gold coin was probably thrown back to the Marquis ....

1) by accident.
2) by someone who hated him.
3) by someone who admired him.

c Why does the road mender stare at the Marquis's carriage? ....

1) He is hoping for a gold coin.
2) He has never seen the Marquis before.
3) He sees something under the carriage.

d How does Charles Darnay feel about his family? ....

1) He is ashamed of it.
2) He is proud of its achievements.
3) He never thinks about it.

e How does the Marquis feel about his nephew? ....

1) He has great affection for him.
2) He admires his opinions.
3) He despises him.

f Why does Darnay go to visit Dr Manette? ....

1) Because he is feeling unwell.
2) Because he is in love with his daughter.
3) Because he is looking for a job.
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Chapters 9–10

5 Match the beginnings (A) and endings (B) of the sentences.

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Chapters 11–16

6 Choose the correct words in italics to complete each of the following sentences.

a The Defarges knew that Barsad was a spy before / after he came to the wine shop.

b The news of Darnay’s marriage to Lucie Manette affected Madame Defarge / Monsieur Defarge quite visibly.

c Miss Pross had hoped that Lucie would marry her brother / Charles Darnay.

d Dr Manette fell ill during / after his daughter’s wedding.

7 Who is speaking? To whom are they speaking? What are they talking about?

a ‘Is anything known of his appearance?’

b ‘You knit with great skill, Madame!’

Chapters 17–21

9 Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks.

a Dr Manette believes he can ……… Darnay because he (the doctor) used to be a ……… in the Bastille.

b Lucie feels very ……… of Madame Defarge.

c Every day Lucie goes and stands at a dark and dirty corner in case her ……… might see her.

d Sydney Carton ……… from Lucie and the Doctor.

e The court says that Darnay was wrong to ……… to France.

f Gabelle’s ……… to Darnay is read out in court.

g Shortly after his release, four men come to ……… Darnay again.

Chapters 22–27

10 Are these statements true (T) or not true (NT)?

a □ Charles Darnay’s mother tries to make amends for her husband’s cruel acts.

b □ Dr Manette accepts a bribe from Darnay’s father and uncle.

c □ Sydney Carton tells Mr Lorry to wait for him before he tries to leave Paris with the Manettes.

d □ Madame Defarge’s brother was killed by the Evrémonde brothers.
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1 In which order do the following things happen. Write the numbers 1–10.

a  [ ] Charles Darnay is tried in London for spying on British troops.
b  [ ] Darnay is arrested by the revolutionaries for being an émigré.
c  [ ] Darnay is drugged in his prison cell.
d  [ ] Darnay returns to France.
e  [ ] Dr Manette is reunited with his daughter and goes to live in London.
f  [ ] Dr Manette starts working as a doctor in the prisons in Paris.
g  [ ] Gabelle writes to Darnay asking for his help.
h  [ ] Lucie Manette marries Charles Darnay.
i  [ ] Sydney Carton gives his identity papers to Mr Lorry.
j  [ ] Sydney Carton tells Lucie that he loves her.

2 Who is who? Write the names from the box in the right places.

Charles Darnay  Dr Manette  Gaspard
Jeremy Cruncher  John Barsad  Madame Defarge
Miss Pross  Mr Lorry  Sydney Carton
The Marquis of Evrémonde

a ………………… is a depressed alcoholic.
b ………………… is knowledgeable about financial affairs.
c ………………… loves Lucie Manette as if she were her own daughter.
d ………………… is able to use his influence to keep Darnay alive in prison.
e The first of these characters to die in the story is ………………….
f The character who spent most time in prison is ………………….
g The characters who are executed are ………………… and ………………….
h ………………… helps Carton save Darnay.

3 Choose the best alternative title for each of the following chapters. Compare your answers with those of another student.

a Chapter 2 …..
1) Father and daughter are reunited
2) Mr Lorry
3) Madame Defarge

b Chapter 6 …..
1) The hot-headed Gaspard
2) The cold-hearted Marquis
3) Charles visits his uncle

c Chapter 11 …..
1) Barsad tries to help Madame Defarge
2) Monsieur Defarge receives shocking news
3) Barsad fools Madame Defarge

4 Are these sentences true (T) or not true (NT)?

a  [ ] Manette knew Charles Darnay’s father and mother.
b  [ ] Mr Stryver and Charles Darnay were rivals for the love of Lucie Manette.
c  [ ] Lucie Manette felt that her father did not love her.
d  [ ] Carton uses his striking resemblance to Charles Darnay to help Darnay on two occasions.
e  [ ] Charles Darnay is unhappy in England and is very pleased when he has the opportunity to return to France.
f  [ ] Madame Defarge is stronger-willed than her husband.

5 Write the words from the box in the right places.

aristocratic coincidence disgusted downfall eighteenth grudge guillotine imprisonment inheritance mercy powerful

The story begins in the last decades of the (a) ……… century, when the poor and oppressed of France were beginning to plan the (b) ……… of the aristocracy. Charles Darnay, a young French aristocrat, (c) ……… by his family’s treatment of the poor people around them, renounces his (d) ……… and goes to England. He falls in love with a young woman called Lucie Manette and marries her. By strange (e) ………, many years previously, Darnay’s father and brother had caused the lengthy (f) ……… of Lucie’s father, Dr Manette. The doctor, however, bears no (g) ……… against Darnay. But in Paris, there are two (h) ……… revolutionary figures, Monsieur and Madame Defarge, who have reason to hate Darnay’s (i) ……… family. And when Darnay returns to Paris on an errand of (j) ………, in 1789, during the French Revolution, the Defarges are determined that he will die on the (k) ……….