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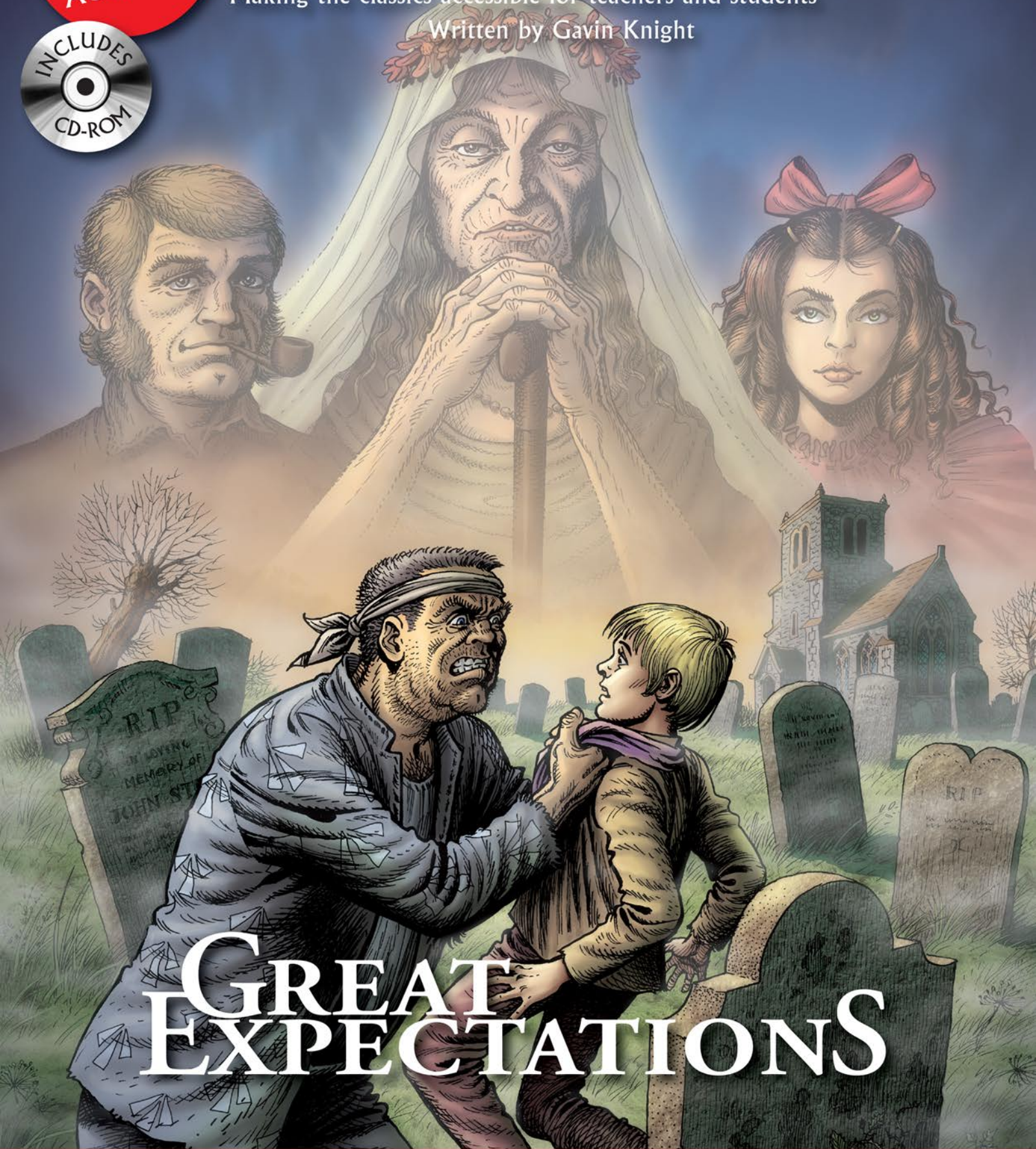
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AGE SHALL NOT WITHER THEM



The 1999 BBC television production of *Great Expectations* starred Ioan Gruffudd, as the adult Pip and Charlotte Rampling, who played a surprisingly young and attractive Miss Havisham. Somehow this felt wrong to me. My mental picture of the character was that of a wizened old lady in a faded bridal dress.

When reading fiction, we often powerfully visualise just how the characters seem to us. Sometimes watching film versions of books we have loved can be disturbing because the actors don't quite match up to the inner pictures we have formed for ourselves.

- How old do you think Pip is at the beginning of the story? (He is fourteen when he is apprenticed and he works at the forge for four years).
- How old is he when he is in London?
- How old is he when the novel closes?

Working with a partner, discuss your impressions of the ages of the characters listed in the chart below. Fill in the boxes showing how old you think they are (or would be) at these key points in the novel.



Character	Age at beginning	Age when Pip arrives in London	Age in closing sections (not the last chapter)
Pip			
Estella			
Herbert			
Compeyson			
Miss Havisham			
Biddy			
Joe			
Wemmick			

QUICK QUOTE QUIZ

Test your knowledge of *Great Expectations* by filling in the chart below and trying to identify who spoke the quotations. 60 marks are available. Some quotes are trickier to recognise than others and are therefore worth more marks. To help you, a list of possible characters is presented below. (Be warned, some characters utter more than one quotation!).

Quotation	Character name	Marks available
"Ever the best of friends; aint us, Pip?"		1
"Keep still, you little devil, or I'll cut your throat."		1
"You are not afraid of a woman who has never seen the sun since you were born?"		1
"You cannot love him Estella!"		1
"You acted noble, my boy...and I have never forgot it."		1
"If it warn't for me you'd have been to the churchyard long ago, and stayed there. Who brought you up by hand?"		1
"What have I done! What have I done!"		1
"...but as to myself, my guiding star always is 'get hold of portable property.'"		3
"On the Rampage, Pip, and off the Rampage, Pip – such is life!"		3
"I am instructed to communicate to him, that he will come into a handsome property."		3
"You're a foul shrew, Mother Gargery."		3
"He tried to murder me. I should have been a dead man if you had not come up."		3
"My dear Handel, I fear I shall soon have to leave you."		3
"Now...you little coarse monster, what do you think of me now?"		5
"I was new here once, rum to think of it now!"		5
"Four dogs...and they fought for veal cutlets out of a silver basket."		5
"And I don't dine, because I'm going to dine at the lady's."		5
"You stock and stone! You cold, cold heart!"		5
"...that there hunted dunghill dog wot you kep life in, got his head so high that he could make a gentleman."		5
"I am greatly changed. I wonder you know me."		5

Mark out of 60:

Possible characters:

Bentley Drummle, Estella, Pip, Miss Havisham, Magwitch, Herbert Pocket, Pumblechook, Compeyson, Wemmick, Mrs. Joe (Gargery), Joe Gargery, Orlick, Jaggers.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS WORD SEARCH 1

THAT'S NOT MY NAME!

Find each of the following names and write down how many times you found each word.

If you found a word five times then write 5.

- | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| PUMBLEHOOK () | JAGGERS () | GARGER () | WEMMICK () |
| HAVISHAM () | DRUMMLE () | POCKET () | ORLICK () |
| WOPSLE () | COMPEYSON () | PIRRIP () | TRABB () |
| BIDDY () | ESTELLA () | HERBERT () | BENTLEY () |

E S Y P K C I L R O K C I M M E W O P E
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 S I I Y B T B H E E H A V I S H A M E N
 T L B M E A E L E R L S B E N T L E Y B
 E R T C M L R L E R B T P O C K E T T C
 L O R O E E T T L C B E N T L E Y R R P
 L P E M T R W N G A H E R E B B B E A T
 A I B P C E P P E A W O R T B I B B B G
 N R R E O M K O E B R O O T A D A R B T
 O R E Y M A C C Y E G G P K R D R E M B
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 Y P E O E S L E I P E R R R L O D Y H A
 E R L N Y I R T R P P G E G Y E R D S L
 P Y M T S V O R L I C K R G E Y D D I B
 M D M L O A R P O C K E T A G R E I V B
 O D U T N H E L M M U R D R G A Y B A E
 C I R T R A B B S R E G G A J M J R H S
 B B D T R A A D R U M M L E K C I L R O
 R N D E O B B M E I O R O U G P E L I P









CHARACTERS AND ADJECTIVES

If you are going to describe someone in detail, you need to use a large number of adjectives.

TASK:

The boxes contain the names of some of the characters from *Great Expectations*. Underneath are a wide variety of adjectives.

Which adjectives would you use to describe each character? You can use the adjectives more than once and you don't have to use them all.

	Pip		Estella
	Joe Gargery		Miss Havisham
	Abel Magwitch		Compeyson
	Dolge Orlick		Jaggers

intelligent	easy-going	kind	weak
proud	independent	intimidating	friendly
strong-willed	immature	timid	vicious
cruel	considerate	greedy	good-humoured
helpful	confident	heroic	honest
dishonest	foolish	scary	naive
gentle	vain	ambitious	kind

EXTENSION TASK:

Choose any character. Find parts of the book you could use as evidence to support your choices. It doesn't necessarily have to be something the character says themselves.

COLOUR ME IN



AGE SHALL NOT WITHER THEM

TEACHERS' VERSION

Solution: (Page: 36)

Character	Age at beginning	Age when Pip arrives in London	Age in closing sections
Pip	7	18	23
Estella	7	18	23
Herbert	7	18	23
Compeyson	37	48	53
Miss Havisham	40	51	56
Biddy	9-10	19-20	24-25
Joe	29	40	45
Wemmick	34	45	50

The Wisbech manuscript of *Great Expectations* contains papers which show the calculations of age done by Charles Dickens, they are listed above.



QUICK QUOTE QUIZ

TEACHERS' VERSION

Solution: (Page: 40)

Quotation	Character name	Marks available
"Ever the best of friends; aint us, Pip?"	Joe Gargery	1
"Keep still, you little devil, or I'll cut your throat."	Magwitch	1
"You are not afraid of a woman who has never seen the sun since you were born?"	Miss Havisham	1
"You cannot love him Estella!"	Pip	1
"You acted noble, my boy...and I have never forgot it."	Magwitch	1
"If it warn't for me you'd have been to the churchyard long ago, and stayed there. Who brought you up by hand?"	Mrs. Joe (Gargery)	1
"What have I done! What have I done!"	Miss Havisham	1
"...but as to myself, my guiding star always is 'get hold of portable property.' "	Wemmick	3
"On the Rampage, Pip, and off the Rampage, Pip – such is life!"	Joe Gargery	3
"I am instructed to communicate to him, that he will come into a handsome property."	Jaggers	3
"You're a foul shrew, Mother Gargery."	Orlick	3
"He tried to murder me. I should have been a dead man if you had not come up."	Compeyson	3
"My dear Handel, I fear I shall soon have to leave you."	Herbert Pocket	3
"Now...you little coarse monster, what do you think of me now?"	Estella	5
"I was new here once, rum to think of it now!"	Wemmick	5
"Four dogs...and they fought for veal cutlets out of a silver basket."	Pip	5
"And I don't dine, because I'm going to dine at the lady's."	Bentley Drummle	5
"You stock and stone! You cold, cold heart!"	Miss Havisham	5
"...that there hunted dunghill dog wot you kep life in, got his head so high that he could make a gentleman."	Magwitch	5
"I am greatly changed. I wonder you know me."	Estella	5

Possible characters:

Bentley Drummle, Estella, Pip, Miss Havisham, Magwitch, Herbert Pocket, Pumblechook, Compeyson, Wemmick, Mrs. Joe (Gargery), Joe Gargery, Orlick, Jaggers.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS WORD SEARCH

TEACHERS' VERSION

Solution: (Page: 44)

THAT'S NOT MY NAME!

PUMBLEHOOK (1)

JAGGERS (2)

GARGERY (3)

WEMMICK (2)

HAVISHAM (3)

DRUMMLE (3)

POCKET (5)

ORLICK (5)

WOPSLE (1)

COMPEYSON (3)

PIRRIP (2)

TRABB (5)

BIDDY (7)

ESTELLA (3)

HERBERT (4)

BENTLEY (3)









The word search grid is 15 rows by 15 columns. The words are circled in grey as follows:

- PUMBLEHOOK**: Vertical, column 1, rows 1-15.
- JAGGERS**: Vertical, column 2, rows 1-15.
- GARGERY**: Vertical, column 3, rows 1-15.
- WEMMICK**: Vertical, column 4, rows 1-15.
- HAVISHAM**: Horizontal, row 3, columns 5-11.
- DRUMMLE**: Horizontal, row 4, columns 10-14.
- POCKET**: Horizontal, row 5, columns 12-17.
- ORLICK**: Horizontal, row 6, columns 13-17.
- WOPSLE**: Vertical, column 5, rows 1-15.
- COMPEYSON**: Vertical, column 6, rows 1-15.
- PIRRIP**: Vertical, column 7, rows 1-15.
- TRABB**: Horizontal, row 7, columns 14-18.
- BIDDY**: Vertical, column 8, rows 1-15.
- ESTELLA**: Horizontal, row 8, columns 15-19.
- HERBERT**: Vertical, column 9, rows 1-15.
- BENTLEY**: Horizontal, row 9, columns 16-19.

CHARACTERS AND ADJECTIVES

TEACHERS' VERSION

Solution: (Page: 52)

	<p>Pip</p> <p>ambitious strong-willed honest naive</p>		<p>Estella</p> <p>vain confident dishonest</p>
	<p>Joe Gargery</p> <p>kind gentle proud honest easy-going</p>		<p>Miss Havisham</p> <p>scary intimidating dishonest cruel</p>
	<p>Abel Magwitch</p> <p>intimidating proud honest scary</p>		<p>Compeyson</p> <p>greedy dishonest</p>
	<p>Dolge Orlick</p> <p>vicious cruel scary</p>		<p>Jaggers</p> <p>cruel intimidating intelligent</p>
<p>intelligent proud strong-willed cruel helpful dishonest gentle</p>	<p>easy-going independent immature considerate confident foolish vain</p>	<p>kind intimidating timid greedy heroic scary ambitious</p>	<p>weak friendly vicious good-humoured honest naive kind</p>