

## **Comprehensive Questions on Wuthering Heights**

### **Chapter 1:**

1. Where and when does the story begin?
2. Briefly describe the landscape and architecture found in this chapter?
3. What inscription over the door does Mr. Lockwood notice? What effect might this detail have on the reader?
4. What is the narrative point of view in this chapter?
5. Characterize Mr. Lockwood. What is his present situation?
6. Who is Mr. Heathcliff? Compare your description with Lockwood's description of Heathcliff.
7. What are other characters introduced during this chapter?
8. Why do Heathcliff's dogs turn against Lockwood?

### **Chapter 2:**

1. What derives Lockwood to return to Wuthering Heights? Evaluate his decision.
2. Characterize Mrs. Heathcliff based on the description of her in this chapter.
3. Why is Mr. Lockwood confused about at first the social position of Hareton Earnshaw? What appears to be the relationship between Hareton and the other house members?
4. Mr. Lockwood makes a series of mistaken assumptions about the inhabitants of Wuthering Heights. Identify his blunders, and Heathcliff's corrections.
5. What series of events leads to Mr. Lockwood's nosebleed? Who comes to his aide?
6. What is the primary purpose of Chapter II?

### **Chapter 3**

1. What insight into Heathcliff's character does Lockwood gain by perusing the antique books?
2. What mood is evoked by the description of Lockwood's dreams?
3. What conclusions can be drawn from Heathcliff's behavior after Lockwood leaves the bedroom?

### **Chapter 4**

1. How does Nelly characterize Heathcliff's monetary status?
2. In what way does the narrative change in this chapter? What effect does it have on the story?
3. How does Heathcliff come to reside at Wuthering Heights? What are the class implications of his background, given the setting?

4. How did Heathcliff's presence affect the relationships between other members of the family?

5. What is Heathcliff's attitude toward Mr. Earnshaw?

### **Chapter 5**

1. Nelly describes Catherine's behavior during Mr. Earnshaw's illness. What does it suggest about Catherine's character?

2. How is Heathcliff and Catherine's close relationship demonstrated in Chapter V?

### **Chapter 6:**

1. Why does Hindley return home? With Whom?

2. What does he do with Joseph, Nelly, and Heathcliff?

3. What do Heathcliff and Catherine do at the Grange?

4. What happened to them at the Grange?

5. Show the importance of the window in this chapter?

6. Compare the two houses and the families?

7. How is Heathcliff treated in this chapter by Hindley and the Lintons?

8. Nelly makes narrative within narrative through Heathcliff's eyes. How do you evaluate his point of view ?

### **Chapter 7:**

1. How many Weeks does Catherine stay at the Grange?

2. What has become of Catherine there?

3. How does Hindley treat Heathcliff in this chapter?

4. How does Catherine treat Heathcliff after returning from the Grange?

5. How does Heathcliff feel about Catherine's change?

6. What does Hindley offer the Lintons? What happened during dinner meeting?

7. How does Catherine react to her brother's ill-treatment of Heathcliff?

8. What does Nelly do with Heathcliff?

9. What is Heathcliff's plan?

10. What is the major theme in this chapter?

11. How does Nelly present Heathcliff in this chapter?

### **Chapter 8:**

1. Why and how does Francis die?

2. Who takes care of the newborn Hareton?

3. How does Hindley behave in reaction to the death of his wife?

4. Describe the life at Wuthering Heights after her death.

5. What has become of Catherine and Heathcliff in this chapter?

6. What is the role of Nelly in this chapter?

7. How does the chapter close?

8. "Love and cruelty" is a dominant theme in this chapter. Comment.

### **Chapter 9:**

1. What happens to Hareton at the beginning of this chapter?
2. What does Catherine tell Nelly about?
3. How does Heathcliff behave in response?
4. What does Catherine do outside?
5. How Mr. and Mrs. Linton die?
6. What has become of Catherine and Edgar?
7. "Marriage" is the dominant theme in this chapter. Comment.

## **Chapter 10**

1. According to Nelly, why was Catherine able to behave so well at Thrushcross Grange before Heathcliff's return?
2. How does Catherine resolve to settle Edgar's concerns over bringing Heathcliff into the parlour? How is the exchange related to a theme of the novel?
3. In what ways is Heathcliff altered?
4. What effect does Heathcliff's return have on Catherine and Edgar's relationship?
5. Describe the suffering both Heathcliff and Catherine claim to have experienced in each other's absence.
6. What are the possible negative implications of Isabella's interest in Heathcliff? How does Catherine attempt to deter Isabella's feelings, and what is Isabella's response?
7. What is the major theme in this chapter?
8. There are several animal metaphors in this chapter. Show their value.

## **Chapter 11**

1. Why does Nelly want to see Hindley?
2. How does Hareton treat her?
3. What becomes of Hareton?
4. What does Nelly tell Catherine about Heathcliff and Isabella?
5. External struggles happen between Heathcliff and Catherine, Between Catherine and Edgar, between Heathcliff and Edgar. Summarize.
6. How does Catherine response when Edgar tells her to choose between them? Why?
7. What does Edgar threaten Isabella about?

## **Chapter 12**

1. What becomes of Catherine? And How does Edgar respond to her?
2. What is her plan of revenge on Edgar and Heathcliff?
3. Summarize Cathy's hallucination when she started talking through the open window.
4. What does Nelly discover about Isabella's dog?
5. What has become of Isabella?
6. How does Edgar Respond to her situation?

## **Chapter 13**

1. What does Catherine's doctor think about her health condition?
2. How does Edgar feel about Catherine being pregnant?
3. What does Isabella write to her brother? What is Edgar's response?
4. What does Isabella inform Nelly in her letter?
5. What is the dominant topic in this chapter?

**Chapter 14:**

1. Why does not Edgar make peace with Isabella?
2. How does Nelly feel when she visits Wuthering Heights?
3. How does Isabella appear? How does Heathcliff appear?
4. Why does Heathcliff want Nelly to arrange a meeting between him and Catherine? Does she accept his request?
5. How does Heathcliff respond when Isabella defends her brother?
6. What does Isabella admit about her marriage?
7. Why does Nelly accept his request of meeting Catherine?
8. How does the theme of revenge develop in this chapter?

**Chapter 15:**

1. Where are Edgar and his servants when Heathcliff visits Catherine?
2. Describe Catherine's physical state when Nelly hand her Heathcliff's letter?
3. Summarize the meeting between Catherine and Heathcliff?
4. What does Heathcliff vow about if Catherine dies?
5. Why does not Heathcliff leave when Edgar returns home?
6. Does Heathcliff leave the house? What is his condition?

## **Chapter 16**

1. Show Nelly's view of death?
2. How does Nelly feel about Heathcliff's situation after losing Catherine?
3. What does Heathcliff do to Catherine's body when he comes to make a final farewell?
4. Where was she buried?

## **Chapter 17**

1. Describe the changing weather at the beginning of this chapter. What does it symbolize?
2. Who comes to the Grange and why?
3. What has become of Hindley? What does he plan to do with Heathcliff?
4. What does Isabella tell Heathcliff about?
5. What does Hindley do then? What happened to him?
6. What has become of Isabella?
7. What has become of Hindley?
8. What has become of Wuthering Heights and Hareton?