

JANE EYRE

Background Sheet

Charlotte Bronte wrote Jane Eyre in 1847. She was born in Thorton in Yorkshire on April 21, 1816. Charlotte was educated at various girls' schools. She even taught English in Brussels. She died in March 1855.

The Victorian Period = 1800's

- Queen Victoria was the ruler of England. She was very religious.
- People lived by a strict interpretation of the Bible.
- This is a time period of many changes, social upheavals, great literature, and inventions.

Highlights:

1841 Edgar Allan Poe

Dorothea Dix

1845 FL becomes a state

1847 British Factory Act

1848 CA Gold Rush

1850 The Scarlet Letter is published.

1849 Charles Dickens' novel David Copperfield was published.

1850 United States population was 23 million.

1853 Queen Victoria uses chloroform during childbirth.

1863 Emancipation Proclamation

1870 United States population was 39 million.

1875 Mark Twain publishes Tom Sawyer.

1888 The first known serial killer terrorizes England—Jack the Ripper.

1895 The first pro football game is played.

1891 The character, Sherlock Holmes, was created.

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Viewing Guide

At the completion of each day's viewing, you must fill in your "Viewing Guide." You should write down significant details about the characters, plot events, and the setting. After the summary, you must do one of the following viewing/reading strategies:

- ◆ Write a question about the segment.
- ◆ Make a statement about the segment / personal connection.
- ◆ Make a prediction of what's to come.

Example:

Viewing Time: Day 1

Summary:

Viewing Strategy:

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Novel / Movie Review Sheet

Use your knowledge of the movie and your notes to complete the following questions. Be prepared to share your answers during the class discussion.

All answers need to be written in complete sentences. Use extra paper if necessary.

1. Who is the author of the story? When was it published? During what historical period?
2. Who are the two lead / main characters of the novel? Describe them briefly. What is the conflict between the two of them?
3. Who are the other important / minor characters of the movie? Describe each character briefly.
4. Identify the different settings of the novel. Describe them briefly.
5. Identify at least three conflicts in the movie. Are the conflicts internal or external? How is each conflict resolved?
6. List the plot events in order. Be sure to include and to identify the climax.
7. How does the movie conclude?
8. The following is a list of themes in the novel. Explain what the author has to say about each theme. Use specific details from the movie to support your answer. The themes are children, self-sacrifice, religion, relationships, and women.

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Unit Test

True or False

1. Charlotte Bronte was born in 1816 and died in 1847.
2. Charlotte Bronte was a teacher of English in Brussels.
3. The Victorian Era is the 18th century.
4. Jane Eyre was published in 1847.
5. The Victorian Era is named after the Queen of England.

Short Answer:

Write your response in 1 or 2 complete sentences.

6. In the beginning of the movie, Jane is how old? Who does she live with?
7. Why did Jane leave Lowood?
8. Who was Jane's best friend at Lowood?
9. What disease led to the death of many students at Lowood?
10. Who responded to Jane's advertisement?
11. What is Jane's occupation?
12. Who is Jane's new employer, and what is the name of the estate?
13. The sinister laughter is an example of what literary element?
14. Who is the source of the laughter?
15. Who interrupts the wedding to spare Jane?
16. Who is the person who watches over Mr. Mason's sister?
17. What stranger tries to trick Jane to admit her love for Mr. Rochester?
18. Who says, "You will call me Master!"?
19. When Jane arrives to her new job, what year is it?
20. What character is from the West Indies?
21. What new last name does Jane give herself?

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Unit Test Continued

Extended Answer:

Write your answer in complete sentences. Limit your response to 10 lines of notebook paper.

- ◆ What is one example of conflict in the story? Is the conflict internal or external? How is it resolved?
- ◆ Jane has a rough relationship with her Aunt, Mrs. Reid. Describe the relationship, and use examples from the movie.
- ◆ Jane says, “I’m different and you won’t forgive me!” Explain what she means when she says this, and explain how she is different from other women in her generation.
- ◆ Why does Jane return to Mr. Rochester? What event causes her to do so? How has he changed?
- ◆ Choose a theme from the movie / novel. Explain what it is, and what does the author have to say about its significance?
- ◆ What scene did you enjoy watching? Why did you enjoy it, and why is it important to the movie as a whole?
- ◆ What character did you like? What character did you not like? Explain.

