

Wuthering Heights

Study Questions

Chapter 1

1. Name the author.
2. Where is the scene of action located?
3. Why was the place called Wuthering?
4. What does the Heights signify?
5. Who is narrating the story?
6. How does the story open?
7. What is the name of the servant at Mr. Heathcliff's?
8. What are the first several paragraphs relating?
9. Describe Mr. Heathcliff as to appearance and character as an observer might see him.
10. What encounter did Mr. Lockwood have in the house when he first entered?
11. What did Lockwood and Heathcliff talk about?

Chapter 2

1. What made Lockwood decide to visit the Heathcliff mansion again the next afternoon?
2. Who let Lockwood in at W.H. this afternoon and whom did he see?
3. How did she act towards Lockwood?
4. How did Mr. & Mrs. Heathcliff appear to get along with one another?
5. Who in reality was Mrs. Heathcliff?
6. What did they decide Heathcliff should let Lockwood do for the night?

Chapter 3

1. What sort of mystery surrounded Lockwood's retiring that evening?
2. In what sort of bed did he retire?
3. What names did he find in the books on the ledge?
4. What matter did Lockwood find written in the book?
5. What sort of dream did Lockwood have that night?
6. Who was the preacher and how did Lockwood feel toward him in the dream?
7. What sort of pandemonium follows this?
8. What apparition did Lockwood see that night?
9. How did Lockwood react?
10. Who showed up when he screamed?
11. What did Heathcliff suggest that Lockwood do?
12. What nightmare did Heathcliff have at this point?
13. Who found the two men in the morning and what were they doing?
14. What did Lockwood do then?

Chapter 4

1. What is Lockwood trying to find out in this chapter?
2. Who is young Mrs. Heathcliff?
3. Who is Earnshaw?

4. What is Lockwood's impression of Cathy as seen here?
5. What did Mrs. Dean agree to do?
6. How did Mrs. Dean become associated with the Heathcliffs?
7. What did Mr. Earnshaw bring home from Liverpool?
8. How did the family react to Mr. Earnshaw bringing home the child?
9. What did they call the orphan and why?
10. How did the family actually treat the orphan?
11. What happened two years after this and in what state were the family in Heathcliff's regard?
12. What quarrel did Hindley and Heathcliff have over a horse?
13. What illusion did the nurse have about Heathcliff at this time?

Chapter 5

1. What has happened to Mr. Earnshaw?
2. How is the family getting along?
3. How has Cathy managed to get on her father's nerves all the time?
4. What kind of death did Mr. Earnshaw have?
5. What did the family do when they realized it?

Chapter 6

1. What surprised the family most when Hindley came to the funeral?
2. What type of person was Hindley's wife and how did she conduct herself?
3. How did Hindley and his wife take over the household?
4. How did Mrs. Hindley take to Cathy and Heathcliff?
5. How did Hindley treat Heathcliff?
6. How did Cathy and Heathcliff take to all of this?
7. Who had charge of Heathcliff and Cathy and how were they turning out?
8. What experience did Cathy and Heathcliff have at the Linton's?
9. How were the two punished for this at home?

Chapter 7

1. How was Catherine on her return from the five weeks' stay at the Lintons?
2. What reception did Cathy receive from Heathcliff?
3. What were the Earnshaws planning for the Lintons as a payment for Cathy being helped and what stipulations did Mrs. Linton make?
4. How did the party go?
5. How did Cathy manage to get to Heathcliff?
6. What intention did Heathcliff have in mind at this time?

Chapter 8

1. In what year is the chapter starting?
2. What child is born in this scene?
3. How did matters stand with the mother and baby?
4. What happened to Mrs. Earnshaw and how did it affect the household?
5. What quarrel did Heathcliff and Catherine have here?
6. How did the quarrel end?

Chapter 9

1. How does little Hareton regard his father Hindley?
2. What scene takes place here in regard to the child?
3. What did Nelly and Heathcliff do then?
4. Who came to the kitchen later and what did she want?
5. What events followed during the evening?
6. Where does she go to recuperate?
7. How does Catherine react to this now?
8. When does the wedding take place?
9. What does Nelly come with Catherine to the Linton home?
10. Who is to take care of Hareton?

Chapter 10

1. When this story is begun to be related again to Lockwood, what is he doing?
2. How did Catherine and Linton get along in their new home?
3. What occurrence here seems to mark the beginning of trouble for the Lintons?
4. How is Catherine taking this return?
5. Who is in love with Heathcliff besides Catherine?
6. How does Catherine receive this news?
7. What does Nelly think about Heathcliff's living at Hindley's but visiting Catherine?

Chapter 11

1. When did Nelly see Hareton again and how changed was he?
2. What did Hareton call his father?
3. Who was teaching Hareton to swear at his father?
4. How did Heathcliff bring battle at the Lintons to a climax?

Chapter 12

1. How long did Catherine stay locked in her room? What were Isabella and Edgar doing?
2. How serious did Catherine's fit become?
3. What happened to Heathcliff?
4. How did Edgar take this?

Chapter 13

1. How long were Isabella and Heathcliff gone after the elopement? What was Catherine doing during this time?
2. How did Linton treat Catherine during her illness?
3. How was Isabella received at the Earnshaw house and who found out about it?
4. What sorts of manner and general wildness existed in the household?
5. How were Isabella and Heathcliff getting along by this time?

Chapter 14

1. How did Edgar react to Isabella's letter when Ellen informed him of it?
2. How was Ellen received at WH?

3. What is Heathcliff promising to do?
4. What scene between Heathcliff and Isabella takes place?
5. What does Isabella not want told to her brother?
6. What does Heathcliff prove about himself in this scene?
7. What did Heathcliff demand of Ellen?
8. Did Ellen carry the letter and how did she feel about the matter?

Chapter 15

1. How many days did Ellen keep the letter before delivering it to Catherine? How did Catherine receive it?
2. What scene followed the delivery of the letter?
3. What conversation took place between the two?
4. What thrilling scene takes place in the room?
5. What happens when Linton returns and find Heathcliff there?

Chapter 16

1. What tow great events take place here?
2. How does Linton take the death?
3. How does Heathcliff find out about the death and how does he take it?
4. Where and when is Catherine buried and who comes to the funeral?
5. What did Heathcliff do at the corpse scene before he left it?
6. Who found this and what was done?

Chapter 17

1. What does Isabella do in this chapter?
2. What does she want at the Grange?
3. Where does Isabella live now and what befalls her?
4. How is Heathcliff behaving in the meantime?
5. What happens to Earnshaw and when does Heathcliff take over?
6. What threat does Heathcliff make to Ellen and Linton and when they want to take Hareton to live at the Grange?
7. What does Heathcliff want to do with Hareton?

Chapter 18

1. What kind of life does Catherine's daughter have?
2. How did Edgar keep her away from Heathcliff and WH?
3. What did Edgar call his daughter and why?
4. What was Cathy always wanting to do and why did her father refuse the permission?
5. How did she manage to get there?
6. What encounter did Cathy have on the way to the Cliff and what was the outcome?
7. How was the household at WH now that Heathcliff had taken over?

Chapter 19

1. What announced the return of Linton to the Grange?
2. What kind of boy was Linton?

3. How did Linton behave on arriving at the Grange?
4. Who came to the Grange that night and for what?
5. Why did Joseph not take the child that night?

Chapter 20

1. What happened in the morning and with what solicitude on the part of Edgar?
2. How did Linton take to this transfer from his uncle's house to his father's?
3. What problem seemed to stump Linton most?
4. How was Linton received at the Heights?
5. How did Linton take to Heathcliff?

Chapter 21

1. How was Linton getting along by this in his new home and who gave out the news?
2. How did Cathy manage to encounter Linton at the Heights?
3. What was the outcome of this meeting?
4. What was Heathcliff's plan in getting the two cousins together?
5. Who stopped the love notes?

Chapter 22

1. How are things at the Linton home in this chapter?
2. What is the conversation about as Edgar and Cathy roam the moor?
3. Who comes along at this time and what does he do?
4. How does Cathy respond?

Chapter 23

1. How did Ellen feel about the trip to the Heights?
2. How were they received there?
3. Where was Heathcliff?

Chapter 24

1. What has elapsed since Ellen has been in bed and up again?
2. What does Cathy have to say about the trips?
3. How did Ellen know that Cathy had been riding to WH every day?
4. What reason does Cathy give Ellen for going to WH?
5. Who has finally learned to write his own name?

Chapter 25

1. How long between the happenings which have been related about the Linton family and the time that Ellen is relating it to Lockwood has elapsed?
2. What did Edgar Linton actually feel about Cathy's marrying Linton?
3. How did Linton get permission to see Cathy?
4. What was the health situation with Edgar and Linton?

Chapter 26

1. Where does Cathy meet Linton?
2. In what state of health is he?
3. How does the meeting go?

Chapter 27

1. What happened to Catherine and Ellen on the following Thursday?
2. How did Cathy react to this?
3. How long was Ellen kept imprisoned at WH?

Chapter 28

1. Who let Ellen out of the room and what tale had been circulated?
2. Where was Cathy at this moment?
3. How did Ellen deceive Edgar about Cathy's imprisonment?
4. What reaction did Edgar make to this?
5. What was the scene at Edgar's deathbed?
6. Whose side was Green, the attorney, on?
7. How had Cathy manage to escape to get home for her father's death and burial?

Chapter 29

1. Who came to the Grange the night after the funeral and for what?
2. What did he tell Ellen about Catherine's grave?
3. What did Heathcliff take with him from the Grange besides Cathy?
4. Why did he not let Cathy take her pony with her?

Chapter 30

1. What happened to Cathy at WH?
2. How did Heathcliff take the request for a doctor for his son?
3. What happened to Linton?
4. How had Heathcliff wheedled out the will to his purpose?
5. How long did Cathy stay in her room after this?
6. What signs of friendship were shown Cathy by Hareton and Zillah when she descended to the parlor?
7. How does Mrs. Dean finish telling her story?
8. What does Lockwood intend to do?

Chapter 31

1. What does find in the Heathcliff mansion today?
2. Why does Hareton dispose of his books?
3. What does Lockwood think of WH as he leaves after the meal?

Chapter 32

1. What does Lockwood do?
2. What is the situation at the Heights?

Chapter 33

1. What act of Hareton caused Heathcliff to go into a tantrum?
2. What reaction did Heathcliff have when he started to pull Cathy's hair and Hareton came to her rescue? Why did Heathcliff suddenly stop?
3. Why did this disturb him so?

Chapter 34

1. What happens in this final chapter?
2. What happens to Heathcliff at the end of the story?
3. Who mourns his loss?
4. What spectre is seen after his burial?
5. Where were Hareton and Cathy to be married?
6. Where were they to live?