
Chapters 1 and 2

Identity

1. Wuthering Heights is an estate located out on the moors of middle England. Who is the owner of this house and property?

Ans: Mr. Heathcliff and his wife are the present owners. We are to find out how they came to be the owners.

2. The new tenant on Heathcliff's estate is Mr. Lockwood. What happened in the first two chapters of the book?

Ans: Mr. Lockwood pays his visit to Heathcliff to announce his arrival. He needs to get to know his landlord and to inform him about his move into the house at the leased property, called Thrushcross Grange.

3. What is the significance of the name *Wuthering*?

Ans: The property being exposed to wind and storm, evidences the ravishing of nature. This stands, as well, for the human tempest within.

4. Describe Heathcliff.

Ans: He is a morose, self-centered and rude gentleman. His attitude is strange and threatening toward strangers. He must be forced into any measure of hospitality. This character is sometimes referred to as a "satanic hero," a figure of strength and creativity, but given to a rebellious spirit and untoward passions. He makes us think of Melville's Captain Ahab, or Rochester in *Jane Eyre*. Earlier injustices are taken as excuses for his attitude.

5. Describe Mrs. Heathcliff.

Ans: Mrs. Heathcliff is only slightly more civil than her husband.

6. Who is Hareton Earnshaw?

Ans: Earnshaw is the son of Hindley and Frances. He is a promising

boy but is ground down by Heathcliff. He is the rightful heir of the estate.

7. Who are Joseph and Zillah?

Ans: Joseph and Zillah are servants at Wuthering Heights.

Chapters 3 and 4

Identity

1. Who is Mrs. Dean?

Ans: She is the house keeper at Thrushcross Grange, a kindly and hard working woman who enjoys talking to Mr. Lockwood.

2. What can be said about Heathcliff's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Heathcliff? Describe the scene in the morning when Lockwood comes into the house and observes the exchange between Heathcliff and his daughter-in-law.

Ans: The daughter-in-law is cursed at by Heathcliff. She is accused of being lazy and of only taking his charity. He calls her book a piece of "trash" and orders her to do something useful. She, in turn, dodges his attempted blow and declares her determination to not do anything but what she pleases, "though (he) should swear (his) tongue out . . ."

3. Young, Mrs. Heathcliff, is the widow of Heathcliff's son. What was her maiden name?

Ans: Her maiden name was Catherine Linton. The Lintons had lived in Thrushcross Grange.

4. Who was Mr. Hindley Earnshaw?

Ans: Earnshaw had inherited and was master of Wuthering Heights
