

Year 9 Learn Sheet

From *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

Ours was the marsh country, down by the river, within, as the river wound, twenty miles of the sea. My first most vivid and broad impression of the identity of things, seems to me to have been gained on a memorable raw afternoon towards evening. At such a time I found out for certain, that this bleak place overgrown with nettles was the churchyard; and that the dark flat wilderness beyond the churchyard, intersected with dykes and mounds and gates, with scattered cattle feeding on it, was the marshes; and that the low leaden line beyond, was the river; and that the distant savage lair from which the wind was rushing was the sea; and that the small bundle of shivers growing afraid of it all and beginning to cry, was Pip.

'Hold your noise' cried a terrible voice, as a man started up from among the graves at the side of the church porch. 'Keep still, you little devil, or I'll cut your throat!'

A fearful man, all in coarse grey, with a great iron on his leg. A man with no hat, and with broken shoes, and with an old rag tied round his head. A man who had been soaked in water, and smothered in mud, and lamed by stones, and cut by flints, and stung by nettles, and torn by briars; who limped, and shivered, and glared and growled; and whose teeth chattered in his head as he seized me by the chin.

1. List 5 things you learn about the setting?

2. How would you describe the man?

A. Scared B. Aggressive C. Relaxed D. Happy

3. What does the list in the second paragraph suggest?

A. The man has been busy B. He has lots to do C. The place is unpleasant D. He has been through a lot

Could you justify more than one answer? Explain.

Tasks:

⇒ Make your own multiple choice quiz using this extract and try to answer all of the questions.

⇒ What impression do you get of the narrator? Read and annotate carefully. How does he contrast to the man? Explain.