English

Lesson 2: Jane Eyre: An Introduction

# Introduction to Charlotte Brontë

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# Which one of these statements about the Victorian era is true?

#### Option 1

Women were expected to have a career.

Option 3

There was great social inequality.

Option 2

Britain was a weak country.

Option 4

Women were allowed to vote.



The Brontë sisters, **C\_\_\_\_\_, E\_\_\_\_** and **A\_\_\_\_\_\_**, are one of the world's greatest literary families.

It is remarkable that these sisters achieved literary success because Victorian society did not expect **w**\_\_\_\_\_\_ to produce serious works of fiction.



# **Appositives**

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the world's greatest literary families.



Charlotte Brontë was brought up in **Y\_\_\_\_\_.** This landscape can be very **b\_\_\_\_\_** and **b\_\_\_\_\_\_,** especially in winter.



Charlotte had attended a very strict **b\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_**called the Clergy Daughters' School.

Charlotte's sisters, **M**\_\_\_\_\_ and **E**\_\_\_\_\_, died after they contracted a disease a called **t**\_\_\_\_\_ at this school.



# had a painful experience of boarding school.

Who? Charlotte Brontë

Where? Clergy Daughters' School

**Why?** 1. The school's strict rules

2. The deaths of Maria and Elizabeth from tuberculosis

**Extension - Use an appositive in your answer!** 



Charlotte Brontë wrote Jane Eyre using the p\_\_\_\_\_Currer
Bell.

2. Charlotte thought that people were more likely to buy the novel if they thought it was written by a **m**\_\_\_\_\_\_.



## used the pseudonym Currer Bell

**Who?** Charlotte Brontë

When? 1847

**Why?** 1. To publish *Jane Eyre* 

2. She believed that more people would the book if it was published by a man.

### **Extension - Use an appositive in your answer!**



# **True or false?** Bronte's writing of Jane Eyre was inspired by...

- A. Charlotte's childhood in the bleak and barren Yorkshire countryside.
- B. Charlotte's fame as a writer.
- C. Charlotte's experience in the strict and severe boarding school.
- D. The death of Charlotte's sisters, Marie and Elizabeth, from tuberculosis.
- E. Charlotte's experience as a governess.

