

English

Lesson 5: *Jane Eyre*: The Reeds

Introducing the Reeds

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What is a Bildungsroman?

Option 1

A novel named after its main character

Option 2

A story with a female protagonist

Option 3

A novel set in Yorkshire

Option 4

A narrative describing how a character grows up, learns about the world and develops from immaturity to maturity



1. The R_____ family live at a house in Yorkshire called G_____ Hall.
2. Jane is an o_____. Her parents have died so she lives with her u_____’s family - the R_____.
3. Mrs R_____ has three children. G_____, E_____ and J_____.



Which person is displaying submissive behaviour?

Option 1

When Yolanda's mother told her to do her homework, Yolanda swore angrily but went to her room and began.

Option 3

Pedro agreed with his mother's instructions and quietly went to bed.

Option 2

Titus was very kind and quiet in his pre-school today.

Option 4

Fiona refused to give the teacher her phone.



1. Mrs Reed makes Jane sit 'at a distance' from the rest of the family. Why does Mrs Reed treat Jane like this?
2. What is Brontë suggesting about the relationship between Jane and the Reed family through this moment?

Quotations
Mrs Reed's children sit beside her by the fire.
Mrs Reed's children are described as her 'darlings.'
Jane is 'dispensed' from the group and is kept 'at a distance' from the Reed family.

Keywords

Affection

Unfair

Isolated

Contrast



1. **Why does Mrs Reed rebuke Jane for questioning what she did wrong?**
2. **What is Brontë suggesting here about Jane's relationship with the Reed family?**

Evidence
Jane questions what she has done wrong.
Mrs Reed: 'I don't like cavillers and questioners.'
Mrs Reed: 'There is something truly forbidding in a child taking up her elders in that manner.'
Mrs Reed: 'Until you can speak pleasantly, remain silent.'

Keywords

Submissive

Questioning
authority

Powerless

Voiceless

Unthinking
obedience

Brontë

