

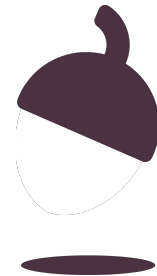
English

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

