

Great Expectations

Charles Dickens

How does Dickens let Pip understand the truth before Magwitch says it outright?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Magwitch reveals the source of Pip's fortune
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter XXXIX
START	Might a mere warmint ask whose property?
END	Yes, Pip, dear boy, I've made a gentleman on you!
PASSAGE ID	sec-ge-04

THE MOVE

Track a revelation through accumulating clues

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Magwitch's revelation works before the explicit confession because Dickens lets Pip recognize clue after clue: the convict's return, the money, the language of being made a gentleman. Students can watch understanding arrive before the final statement names the truth.

MARK

Number the clues that push Pip toward recognizing Magwitch as his benefactor. Put a star beside the clue after which Pip can no longer reasonably maintain his old belief about Miss Havisham.

NOTICE

- Which clue is merely surprising, and which clue actually changes Pip's interpretation?

- At what point does the reader understand the truth even if Magwitch has not stated it plainly?
- How does Pip's emotional response differ from the future he imagined when he thought Miss Havisham was responsible?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Dickens let Pip understand the truth before Magwitch says it outright? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: How does Dickens let Pip understand the truth before Magwitch says it outright? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Dickens lets the truth arrive through accumulating clues before Magwitch names it: his return, his interest in Pip, references to money and making a gentleman, and Pip's collapsing assumptions about Miss Havisham. Understanding arrives before explicit statement.
EVIDENCE	Identify at least two clues in sequence and explain which one makes the old interpretation impossible to maintain.
WATCH FOR	Do not choose the final confession as the moment of revelation if Pip and the reader have already assembled the truth from earlier evidence.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Number the clues that push Pip toward recognizing Magwitch as his benefactor. Put a star beside the clue after which Pip can no longer reasonably maintain his old belief about Miss Havisham.
2. NOTICE - Which clue is merely surprising, and which clue actually changes Pip's interpretation? At what point does the reader understand the truth even if Magwitch has not stated it plainly? How does Pip's emotional response differ from the future he imagined when he thought Miss Havisham was responsible?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: How does Dickens let Pip understand the truth before Magwitch says it outright?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.