

# Candide

Voltaire

**At what point does Candide stop simply repeating Pangloss's philosophy and begin testing it against experience?**

**TOTAL TIME**

**PASSAGE**

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| 30 minutes | Candide tests 'the best of worlds' |
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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.

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| SECTION / LOCATION | Chapter VI                                                        |
| START              | Candide was whipped in cadence while they were singing            |
| END                | If this is the best of possible worlds, what then are the others? |
| PASSAGE ID         | sec-can-03                                                        |

**THE MOVE**

Track a belief changing from repetition to challenge

**WHY THIS PASSAGE**

Candide has repeated Pangloss's optimism as a borrowed formula. Punishment, disaster, and suffering eventually force him to turn the formula into a question. The shift from repetition to testing marks the beginning of independent judgment.

**MARK**

Underline any place Candide repeats the philosophy of the 'best of possible worlds.' Circle the experience that directly challenges it. Star the sentence where the belief becomes a question rather than a quotation.

## NOTICE

- What allows Candide to repeat Pangloss's philosophy before testing it?
- Which experience makes simple repetition impossible?
- Why is asking a question a more important change than immediately adopting a new philosophy?

## THINK

Answer provisionally: At what point does Candide stop simply repeating Pangloss's philosophy and begin testing it against experience? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

## WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: At what point does Candide stop simply repeating Pangloss's philosophy and begin testing it against experience? 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.

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| <b>STRONG ANSWER</b> | Candide begins testing Pangloss when repeated doctrine no longer survives direct experience. The important shift is not that he instantly gains a new philosophy, but that he turns a borrowed certainty into a question. |
| <b>EVIDENCE</b>      | Use one earlier repetition of the 'best of worlds' idea and the experience that makes Candide question rather than repeat it.                                                                                             |
| <b>WATCH FOR</b>     | Do not make the turning point only about suffering. Show the linguistic change from reciting an answer to testing it.                                                                                                     |
| <b>SOLO</b>          | Read the exact passage independently.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SUPPORTED</b>     | Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>LISTENING</b>     | Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.                                                                                                                             |

## STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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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** - Underline any place Candide repeats the philosophy of the 'best of possible worlds.' Circle the experience that directly challenges it. Star the sentence where the belief becomes a question rather than a quotation.
2. **NOTICE** - What allows Candide to repeat Pangloss's philosophy before testing it? Which experience makes simple repetition impossible? Why is asking a question a more important change than immediately adopting a new philosophy?
3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: At what point does Candide stop simply repeating Pangloss's philosophy and begin testing it against experience?
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.