

Wuthering Heights

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Why does Catherine describe one love as foliage and the other as rock?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes

I am Heathcliff

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 IX
START	If all else perished, and he remained, I should still continue to be;
END	Nelly, I am Heathcliff!
PASSAGE ID	sec-wh-02

THE MOVE

Use incompatible comparisons to define two kinds of love

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Catherine uses foliage and rock to distinguish a love that is changeable and seasonal from one she experiences as foundational to identity. The incompatible images let her define two relationships through durability rather than intensity alone.

MARK

Circle the foliage image and underline what Catherine says it means about one love. Circle the rock image and underline what it means about the other. Write CHANGEABLE and FOUNDATIONAL beside the two comparisons.

NOTICE

- What qualities of foliage make it useful for describing one relationship?
- What qualities of rock make it useful for describing the other?
- Why is 'I am Heathcliff' a stronger claim than simply saying she loves him more?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why does Catherine describe one love as foliage and the other as rock? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why does Catherine describe one love as foliage and the other as rock? 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	Foliage represents a love that changes with season and circumstance; rock represents a love Catherine experiences as foundational and enduring. The comparison distinguishes kinds of attachment by durability and relation to identity.
EVIDENCE	Use the qualities Catherine assigns to foliage and rock, ending with the claim that Heathcliff is bound to her own being.
WATCH FOR	Do not turn the answer into a ranking of which man is 'better.' The images define different structures of love.
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 - Circle the foliage image and underline what Catherine says it means about one love. Circle the rock image and underline what it means about the other. Write CHANGEABLE and FOUNDATIONAL beside the two comparisons.
2. NOTICE - What qualities of foliage make it useful for describing one relationship? What qualities of rock make it useful for describing the other? Why is 'I am Heathcliff' a stronger claim than simply saying she loves him more?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why does Catherine describe one love as foliage and the other as rock?
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.