

Silas Marner

George Eliot

How does Eppie change the direction of Silas's thinking in a way gold never could?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Eppie reverses the direction of thought
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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	Part I - Eppie's childhood
START	but Eppie was an object compacted of changes and hopes that forced his thoughts onward
END	his soul, long stupefied in a cold narrow prison, was unfolding too, and trembling gradually into full consciousness.
PASSAGE ID	sec-sm-02

THE MOVE

Compare two attachments by the futures they create

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Eppie creates change, anticipation, and connection: she grows, needs new things, and pulls Silas toward neighbors and future plans. Unlike gold, she makes thought move forward.

MARK

Underline language of change, growth, hope, or future connected to Eppie. Circle references to neighbors or social ties that appear because of her. Draw an arrow showing the new direction of Silas's attention.

NOTICE

- What did gold ask Silas to repeat?
- What does Eppie require him to anticipate?
- How does caring for another person create a future that possession alone could not?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Eppie change the direction of Silas's thinking in a way gold never could? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: How does Eppie change the direction of Silas's thinking in a way gold never could? 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	Eppie forces Silas's thoughts forward because she changes, grows, needs things, and creates relationships and future plans. Gold asked him to repeat; Eppie requires anticipation.
EVIDENCE	Use change, hope, future-thinking, sensory renewal, and connections to neighbors that arise through caring for Eppie.
WATCH FOR	Do not reduce the contrast to 'people are better than money.' Explain the different direction each attachment gives his mind.
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.

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 language of change, growth, hope, or future connected to Eppie. Circle references to neighbors or social ties that appear because of her. Draw an arrow showing the new direction of Silas's attention.
2. NOTICE - What did gold ask Silas to repeat? What does Eppie require him to anticipate? How does caring for another person create a future that possession alone could not?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: How does Eppie change the direction of Silas's thinking in a way gold never could?
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.