

Silas Marner

George Eliot

Why is Eppie's claim that 'nobody could be happier' a stronger ending than restoring everything Silas lost?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Enough after loss
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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 Conclusion

START O father, what a pretty home ours is! END I think nobody could be happier than we are.

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THE MOVE

Redefine wealth through a final ordinary statement

WHY THIS PASSAGE

The ending does not restore Silas's stolen gold or erase earlier losses. Eppie's ordinary statement of happiness redefines wealth around home, relationship, and sufficiency rather than complete restitution.

MARK

Underline what Silas and Eppie possess at the end. Circle what has not been restored. Star Eppie's statement of happiness and note which measure of wealth it rejects.

NOTICE

- What losses remain unresolved?
- What does Eppie count as enough?
- Why is an ending based on sufficiency more meaningful than simply returning everything Silas once lost?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why is Eppie's claim that 'nobody could be happier' a stronger ending than restoring everything Silas lost? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why is Eppie's claim that 'nobody could be happier' a stronger ending than restoring everything Silas lost? 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	The ending is stronger without full restoration because Eppie's happiness redefines wealth around sufficiency, home, and relationship. Silas does not need every lost thing returned for the life to count as abundant.
EVIDENCE	Use what remains unrecovered and Eppie's ordinary declaration that nobody could be happier.
WATCH FOR	Do not treat the ending as pretending earlier losses never mattered. Its force comes from happiness existing despite incomplete restitution.
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 what Silas and Eppie possess at the end. Circle what has not been restored. Star Eppie's statement of happiness and note which measure of wealth it rejects.
2. NOTICE - What losses remain unresolved? What does Eppie count as enough? Why is an ending based on sufficiency more meaningful than simply returning everything Silas once lost?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why is Eppie's claim that 'nobody could be happier' a stronger ending than restoring everything Silas lost?
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.