

Great Expectations Essay Topics Mrs. Culver

You will write a **five paragraph essay** on the novel *Great Expectations*. Use MLA heading with a creative title. Include Charles Dickens' name and the title of the novel in the introduction. **Write the thesis statement so that the direction of the paper is clear to the reader.**

Write three main points with details to support the main topics. Include **transitions** between paragraphs. Write a conclusion.

Your paper must include 2-3 quotations from the text with a parenthetical citation at the end of them. They should be from the novel, using page numbers.

The first draft will be peer edited by 2 different students and edited by the writer. The final draft will be turned in for grading on _____ for 100 point grade. **It must be typed.** See me if you need time to go to the library to type.

1. The **Changes** That Occur in Pip
2. **Kindness** Toward Others in *Great Expectations* (Magwitch toward Pip; Pip and Miss Havisham toward Herbert; Joe toward Pip; and Biddy toward Joe and Mrs. Joe)
3. Living Through Others--a **Comparison of Magwitch and Miss Havisham**
4. Pip Should Have Known (a study of **foreshadowing**)
5. Learning Through **Suffering**--a Theme of *Great Expectations*
6. **Money** and Its Effect on Characters' Attitudes--A Theme of *Great Expectations*
7. The Discrepancy between **Appearance and Reality**
8. Dickens' Attitude Toward **Social Status** in *Great Expectations*
9. **Victims** in Dickens' *Great Expectations*
10. **Revenge** is a theme of this book that is very important to many of the characters involved. Where does this theme of revenge present itself and how do these occurrences affect the characters involved in those scenes?
11. Discuss the character of **Miss Havisham**. What themes does she embody? What experiences have made her as she is? Is she a believable character? How does she relate to Pip and Estella?
12. Discuss the theme of **guilt** and how this has affected Pip's life.
13. **Good vs. Evil** in *Great Expectations*
14. **City vs. Country** in *Great Expectations*
15. **Imprisonment as a Metaphor** in *Great Expectations* (Look at Pip, Magwitch, Miss Havisham)

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