



CHESTERTON ACADEMY

***Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens**

Study Questions- - Junior Class

1. Describe the opening tension and characters.
2. In what ways are Pip and the convict similar?
3. Why does Pip live with village blacksmith Joe Gargery? Describe Pip's life and relationships.
4. Who is Pumblechook, and how does he get Pip into Satis House?
5. What about Pip does Estella criticize? What does his reaction to her criticism tell us about Pip?
6. Explain: "I should never like Joe's trade. I had liked it once, but once was not now." (Chp. 13)
7. Describe the character of Miss Havisham.
8. Describe Estella's character and formation.
9. What were the conditions upon which Pip would receive his "great expectations"? Though he now is to have wealth and education, why is Pip discontented?
10. What kind of lawyer is Mr. Jaggers? Is he a good man or a bad man?
11. What is Wemmick's pragmatic philosophy? What other side of Wemmick does Pip discover at his "Castle"?

12. How does Mrs. Joe's death affect Pip? Why does her death not bring Pip and Joe any closer together?
13. From what Magwitch tells Pip, what does Pip deduce? (Chp. 50)
14. How does Pip's attitude toward Magwitch change after the convict had been rescued from the water?
15. How does Pip repay his benefactor before Magwitch escaped his hanging sentence through death?
16. Who has nursed Pip through his illness and paid his debts?
17. What does Pip do when he finds Joe and Biddy happily married?
18. What change had come over Estella when Pip met her at the site of Satis House?
19. Of the two endings which do you like better and which do you find more believable?