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❖ Chapter 50:

- Consider what evidence Pip has for deciding that Provis is Estella's father
- Compare the account of Provis here with his behaviour when he first met Herbert

❖ Chapter 51:

- Re-read Ch. 26; Vol. 2, Ch. 7 in the light of this chapter
 - Compare Mr. Jaggers's behaviour on each occasion
- What do you now think Mr. Jaggers means when he says that Drummle (the Spider) is interesting?

❖ Chapter 52:

- Look for evidence as to how, at the end of this chapter, Pip has become anonymous and isolated
- After the anxious bustle of the morning he cannot think straight

- How does Dickens' present Pip's frame of mind?
- What plans has Pip made to deal with any crisis?

❖ Chapter 53:

- How does this encounter between Pip and Orlick modify your view of the latter?
 - What are his motives for hating Pip?
- How does Pip behave in the face of death
 - What does this tell us about the development of his character?

❖ Chapter 54:

- Pip says, during the voyage down the river, 'I think I know the delights of freedom'. What do you think he means by this?
- How does Dickens help the reader to understand the change in Pip's attitude towards Magwitch?