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❖ **Chapter 25:**

Re-read the paragraph beginning “Very much,’ was Wemmick’s reply ...’ and compare it to his language in Chapter 24

❖ **Chapter 26:**

- What do you think it is that Mr. Jaggers likes about Drummle? Why does he warn Pip not to have much to do with him?
- Look again at the chapter for evidence of violence and cruelty
- Mr. Jaggers says to Pip at the end of the chapter, ‘But I am not a fortune-teller ... You know what I am, don’t you?’
- What do you think is meant by this?

❖ **Chapter 27:**

- Look for evidence in this chapter of Pip’s understanding of Joe’s

difficulties and his failure to help Joe

- How does Dickens use Joe’s behaviour at Pip’s lodgings to carry the narrative forward and to develop character?

❖ **Chapter 28:**

- How do Pip and the passengers regard the convicts and their treatment?
- On the evidence of this chapter, how is Pip’s character developing?

❖ **Chapter 29:**

- Re-read the paragraph starting “We sat in the dreamy room among the old strange influences’ Consider which of the main concerns of the novel it deals.
- Re-read the chapter and trace the development of Pip’s feelings