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❖ Chapter 30:

- Re-read the opening paragraph of this chapter, and consider what it suggests about Pip's development since he first left for London
- What does Pip's visit home tell us about how his life has changed?
- How is Herbert presented in this chapter, including his friendly delicacy in advising Pip and the introduction of his own passion for Clara

❖ Chapter 31:

- How does Dickens make the visit to the theatre fit the general development of the novel?

❖ Chapter 32:

- Re-read the last sentence of the chapter. What do you think is its meaning and what are its effects?

❖ Chapter 33:

- Re-read the short paragraph beginning 'The bill paid and the waiter remembered ...'
 - What does this episode suggest to you about the basis of the relationships between the staff at the inn and their guests?
- Make a list of all the new information, including all the hints about the source of Pips money, given to the reader in this chapter

❖ Chapter 34:

- How far would you say that Pip is living a life of self-deception at this point?
- Look at the narrative and find the indications that the older Pip intervenes in the narrative