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❖ Chapter 40:

- Re-read the second paragraph
 - Analyze Pip's language in connection with his employees
- Re-read the two paragraphs beginning, 'Next day the clothes I had ordered all came home ...' and ending '... Prisoner, Felon, Bondsman, plain as plain could be.'
 - How far would you say Pip's dismay is a social concern and how far is it based on fear?
- How far do you think Pip's mental agony in this chapter comes from fear of being exposed and how much comes from regret at the development of his outlook in London?

❖ Chapter 41:

Herbert comes home to a desperate situation, of which he had no knowledge

- Look for evidence of his character in that way he deals with the situation and with Pip

❖ Chapter 42:

Re-read the account in Chs 1, 3 and 5; Vol. 1, Chs 1,3 and 5 of Magwitch's reactions to Pip

- Compare this with his behaviour since re-entering Pip's life

❖ Chapter 43:

- What do you think are the issues involved for Pip's conflict with Drummle?

❖ Chapter 44:

- Look carefully at the language used by Pip in this chapter, and compare it to the language he used in, e.g., Ch. 8; Vol. 1, Ch. 8, when he was talking to Miss Havisham
 - How would you describe Pip as he is presented here?
- Re-read the paragraph beginning 'She gradually withdrew her eyes from me'.
 - What do you think might be going through Miss Havisham's mind in this pause in the conversation?
- Re-read the three paragraphs beginning 'Out of my thoughts! You are part of my existence ...' and ending '... I could do nothing half so good for myself as tire myself out.'
 - How does Dickens present Pip's feelings?