

## Jane Eyre

### 'Jane Eyre' 1-10: Knowledge Organiser

Chapter breakdown		Locations	Key words
1	On a bitter day, Jane is curled up with a book when her cousin, John Reed, discovers her and hits her. She fights back and is sent to the red-room.	<b>Gateshead Hall</b> Home of Mrs Reed, John, Georgiana, and Eliza Reed. Jane grows up here. Jane is locked in the red-room.	<b>orphan</b> – a child whose parents have died. <b>dependent</b> – someone who relies on another person to support them financially. Jane is a <b>dependent</b> because she relies on Mrs Reed to feed, clothe and house her.
2	Jane is locked in the red-room. She sits in turmoil until she hears and sees something odd. She begs to be let out. She faints.	<b>Lowood School</b> Jane is sent to Lowood by Mrs Reed. Mr Brocklehurst is the headteacher. Conditions are harsh and strict. The girls receive brutal punishments and are fed poorly. A typhus outbreak kills many of the girls.	<b>oppress (vb.)</b> – to treat a group of people in an unfair way, often by limiting their freedom. <b>juxtaposition</b> – a literary technique where a writer places very different things or people close to each other. This helps to show how the things are similar or different.
3	Jane wakes up in the nursery. Bessie and Mr Lloyd are there. Jane is miserable. Mr Lloyd talks to Jane about going to school.	<b>Characters</b>	<b>thesis</b> – the main idea that you want to discuss throughout an essay.
4	Jane is visited by Mr Brocklehurst, the headteacher at Lowood School. After his visit, Jane and Mrs Reed argue. Jane says she will never call her 'aunt' again.	<b>Jane Eyre</b> The main character. A young, intelligent, and passionate orphan. <i>"You think I have no feelings, and that I can do without one bit of love or kindness; but I cannot live so"</i>	<b>humiliate (vb.)</b> – to make someone feel stupid or ashamed. If something makes you feel stupid or ashamed, you could describe it as <b>humiliating</b> .
5	Jane travels to Lowood School. She meets Miss Temple, the kind teacher, and Helen Burns, another pupil.	<b>Mrs Reed – Jane's aunt</b> She neglects and abuses Jane and is glad to send her away to Lowood School. <i>"Guard against her worst fault, a tendency to deceit"</i>	<b>hypocrite</b> – someone who says one <u>thing</u> , but does the opposite at another time.
6	Helen is thrashed for having dirty hands. Later, she talks with Jane and explains that it is better to forgive and be patient than to get angry and seek revenge.	<b>Mr Brocklehurst – The governor of Lowood school</b> A cruel and hypocritical Christian. He believes in driving evil from children through harsh discipline. <i>"Punish her body to save her soul"</i>	<b>comeuppance</b> – when a villain receives some form of punishment for what they did.
7	Mr Brocklehurst visits Lowood School. He calls Jane to the front of the classroom and calls her a liar in front of all the teachers and pupils. Helen smiles at Jane, bringing Jane hope.	<b>Helen Burns – Jane's friend</b> A kind and forgiving Christian. She inspires Jane to be more patient and accepting. She dies of tuberculosis at 14. <i>"Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you and despitefully use you."</i>	<b>Victorian attitudes to childhood</b>
8	Afterwards, Jane and Helen visit Miss Temple. Miss Temple says she believes that Jane is not a liar. Jane listens to Miss Temple and Helen's fascinating conversations. Miss Temple hears from Mr Lloyd that Jane is not a <u>liar</u> , and tells the school.	<b>Miss Temple</b> The kind and understanding teacher at Lowood. Offers care and affection to Jane and Helen. <i>"You shall be publicly cleared from every imputation: to me, Jane, you are clear now."</i>	1 A child is a blank slate and can be trained to develop into a rational being.
9	Jane enjoys the area around Lowood in the spring. Typhus breaks out at Lowood School. Lots of girls get sick. Many die. Helen Burns dies of tuberculosis.		2 A child is born completely <b>innocent</b> and <b>pure</b> . They are only contaminated by contact with corrupt forces.
10	Eight years pass. Jane has become a teacher at Lowood School. Mr Brocklehurst had his power removed when his treatment at the school was discovered. Jane applies to be a governess for a family at <u>Milcote</u> .		3 The child is born evil and must therefore be controlled and punished in order to submit to the rules of God and society.
			<b>Biographical information</b>
			1 'Jane Eyre' written in 1847 by Charlotte Brontë.
			2 Parts of 'Jane Eyre' were influenced by <u>Brontë's</u> experiences at school and as a young woman.
			3 'Jane Eyre' was unusual when it was published because it is written in the first-person from a female perspective.