

Charles Dickens Biography Video Questions

Directions: Read and print out the questions before hand. Answer them as you hear them. Pause the video as needed.

1. Name three famous characters created by Dickens.
2. What social class was the Dickens family from?
3. Describe Dickens personality as a child.
4. What was his father's worst quality and how did it affect the family?
5. What did young Charles do to help out his family?
6. What was Dickens first real job (non-factory) and how did he like this position?
7. Who was Dickens "first serious love" and how did that relationship end up?
8. What feelings did this experience produce in Dickens?
9. What kind of book was "Sketches by Boz"?
10. How did Catharine Hogarth differ from Mariah Beadnell?
11. What was the one thing Dickens insisted on when he agreed to be part of the "Pickwick Papers"?

12. What was the advantage of “serialized” monthly installments over publishing entire novels?

13. How does the commentator describe Dickens’ work ethic?

14. Which classes read Dickens’ work?

15. What tragedy scars his new found fame?

16. Describe the public’s reaction to Dickens’ cliffhangers and surprises.

17. Describe Dickens’ opinion of America.

18. What book, published in 1843, “redirected a whole holiday tradition”?

19. Which novel is Dickens’ “most autobiographical”?

20. Describe Dickens’ feelings about his life with his wife Catherine and his ten children.

21. What taught Dickens a lesson between how people exist in our memory and how they are in reality?

22. What purchase marks him righting all the wrongs of his father and childhood?

23. How does Dickens’ cruelty show itself after his separation from his wife?

24. What was the only statement Dickens’ young lover Ellen ever made about him?