

A Tale of Two Cities Stage 5

Answer Key

A) TRUE OR FALSE

1. Doctor Manette was recalled to life due to the French Revolution. T F
2. Lucie Manette went to Paris in order to inherit her father's property. T F
3. Doctor Manette recognized his daughter immediately after a long imprisonment. T F
4. Mr Lorry accompanied Doctor Manette and his daughter back to England. T F
5. Charles Darnay was accused of treason in England. T F
6. Monseigneur was a kind man who helped poor and hungry people. T F
7. Charles Darnay and Sydney Carton were both in love with Lucie Manette. T F
8. Defarge and his wife were strictly against the French Revolution. T F
9. Charles Darnay went to Paris in order to save his servant from death. T F
10. Doctor Manette did his best to save his son-in-law from the guillotine. T F

B) CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. What are the two cities of the novel's title?
 A) London and Paris B) London and Berlin
C) London and Madrid D) London and Dublin
2. In what year does the novel begin?
 A) 1775 B) 1793
C) 1795 D) 1767
3. Who told Lucie Manette that her father was still alive?
A) Charles Darnay B) Mr Lorry
C) Sydney Carton D) Mrs Pross
4. What did Doctor Manette do during his mental shock?
A) screaming B) writing without a stop
 C) shoemaking D) reading

5. What kind of secret did Charles Darnay entrust to Doctor Manette?
- A) that he was a poor man without property
 - B) that he was a French spy
 - C) that he was Charles Evremonde, the nephew of Monseigneur Evremonde
 - D) that he was a revolutionary
6. What does 'Jacques' mean in the novel?
- A) a peasant
 - B) a lord
 - C) an aristocrat
 - D) a revolutionary
7. Who did Lucie Manette marry after her father's blessing?
- A) Charles Darnay
 - B) Sydney Carton
 - C) Jerry Cruncher
 - D) Mr Stryver
8. What kind of promise did Sydney Carton give to Lucie Monette?
- A) to love her all his life
 - B) to find a job for her father
 - C) to do everything and sacrifice everything for her happiness and the happiness of her close ones
 - D) to leave London in order to forget her and his love for her
9. Why did Charles Darnay go to Paris suddenly and without warning?
- A) to save his servant from death during the French Revolution
 - B) to save his property in Paris
 - C) to fight against the revolutionaries
 - D) to witness the revolution with his own eyes
10. How did Charles Darnay leave prison the first time?
- A) He killed the guard and ran away with other prisoners
 - B) He switched places with Sydney Carton and left the prison by carriage
 - C) He made a tunnel in a wall and escaped at night
 - D) He was acquitted at the trial

C) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. How does the novel begin? How is it connected to the characters of the novel?
- It begins with a preface that explains what is happening in England and France during the period in which the novel takes place. It is connected to the characters as that is where their stories take place.*
2. How did Lucie Manette meet her father whom she had never seen?
- She meets a banker to receive her father's property as an inheritance and learns that he is still alive but had been in prison for 2 decades.*

3. How did the long imprisonment affect Doctor Manette? Did it affect his behaviour?
The long imprisonment made Doctor Manette very weak. It also affected his memory.
4. Who was Mr Lorry? What was his relationship with Doctor Manette?
Mr Lorry was a banker. He handled Doctor Manette's business affairs before Doctor Manette was imprisoned
5. What was Sydney Carton's role in Darnay's acquittal?
Mr Carton looked so similar to the prisoner, that it proved that the witness could have been mistaken about who he saw on board.
6. Who is Charles Darnay? Why did he go to France?
He is the accused in the court case. He was traveling in France on business.
7. How did Monseigneur live in his chateau? Was he loved and respected by the others?
He lived a rich and powerful life. He was not loved or respected by anyone.
8. What kind of promise did Doctor Manette give to Charles Darnay concerning his daughter? Did he keep his promise?
That if his daughter wants to marry him, he will give his blessing and let them be married. Yes, he kept his promise.
9. What are Sydney Carton's personal traits? How does he see his own life?
Sydney Carton is lonely, sad and distressed. He describes his own life as careless.
10. How did the revolution start in France?
In 1789 a crowd left Saint Antoine, a poor suburb of Paris, with many weapons and went to attack the Bastille (a fortress) they then set the chateau and many other places on fire.
11. What is the guillotine? What was its role during the revolution?
The guillotine was a tool used to cut off the heads of people. It was a symbol of the French Revolution because it was so heavily used.
12. Who are the Defarges? Were they the true followers of the revolution?
They are husband and wife and owners of a wine shop in Saint Antoine. Yes, they are very involved in the revolution.
13. What kind of confession did Sydney Carton make to Lucie? What did he promise her at the end of his confession?
He confessed that he loved her. He promised that he would give his own life to protect her life and the lives of her loved ones.
14. Who is John Barsad? What did he do during the revolution?
He is an Englishman. During the revolution he was acting as a spy. He acts as a spy for both France and England.
15. What happened to Doctor Manette after his daughter's marriage?
He went into a state of mental shock and started working on shoes again.
16. What did Defarge find during the storming of the Bastille? How was it connected to Doctor Manette?
He found a room with the initials A.M. etched on the wall. A.M. are Doctor Manette's initials : Alexander Manette so likely it was his cell. He finds a letter from the doctor in the cell as well.

17. Why did Charles Darnay leave for Paris? Why was he put into prison?

He went to Paris to save his friend and former servant Gabelle who had been captured. He was imprisoned himself for being an immigrant in France.

18. How long did Lucie wait for her husband's release from the prison?

She waited one and a half years.

19. In what way did Doctor Manette try to release his son-in-law from the prison? Were his attempts effective?

He visited the prison regularly and was able to speak to Charles when he visited. He was able to save Charles with his testimony at Charles' first trial. He was not successful during Charles' second trial.

20. How did Sydney Carton keep his promise to Lucie? How did Doctor Manette and his family leave Paris?

Sydney Carton kept his promise to Lucie by sacrificing himself for her loved one; her husband who was in prison. Carton took her husband's place in the prison cell and was also executed in his place. The two men had a similar appearance. Doctor Manette, Lucie and her husband escaped from Paris in a carriage.