

Middlemarch

George Eliot

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- 1 Celia likes to wear jewels and fashionable clothes but Dorothea likes to dress plainly. Celia is less serious than Dorothea.
 - 2 Their parents are dead and they live with their uncle. They are not very well educated – they were taught abroad by governesses.
 - 3 Sir James Chettam wants to marry Dorothea. He is young, handsome and rich. Mr Casaubon is a scholar. He is over forty and not very attractive.
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- 1 Dorothea decided to marry Mr Casaubon. Her uncle and sister did not agree with her because they thought she should marry someone younger and more attractive, like Sir James Chettam. Students' own answers.
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- 1 Students' own answers. Answers might mention the differences between being rich and poor and the lack of privacy in a small town.
 - 2 Mr Casaubon does not live in a very nice house. His mother is dead and he has never met his aunt, who married badly. His cousin, Will Ladislav, is staying with him. Will Ladislav is young and handsome.
 - 3 Will thinks Mr Casaubon is unpleasant. Mr Casaubon thinks Will is lazy and does not want to work hard.
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- 1 He wanted to help the poor people in a small town by using all the new medical knowledge he had.
 - 2 Suggested answers: Mr Bulstrode – Dr Lydgate is an interesting young man. Mr Brooke – Dr Lydgate is clever. Rosamond – Dr Lydgate is handsome, clever and from a good family, and she wants to marry him.
 - 3 He studied in Paris and wants to research cholera. Being a doctor is the most important thing in his life and he cannot afford to marry yet.
 - 4 Student's own answers. Answers might mention that they would be fun to have as friends but that they are both shallow people.
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- 1 Because she was realizing her marriage is not what she expected and that Mr Casaubon will not let her help him with his work. She was lonely.
 - 2 Because they had argued about her helping him with his work. He does not like being criticized.
 - 3 Will is planning to go back to England and look for work. Mr Casaubon may not be as intelligent as he thinks. He is jealous of Will.

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- 1 Because she is unhappy because her husband is not like she thought he was before the marriage. Students' own answers.
 - 2 Celia is getting married to Sir James Chettam. Students' own answers.
 - 3 They argued about Will sending Dorothea a letter. Dorothea was angry because she thinks he is accusing her of putting her needs before his.
 - 4 It made him nervous and this made him ill.
 - 5 He told her that any anxiety would make it worse and could shorten his life, so Dorothea blamed herself because she argued with him.
 - 6 Because if he went to Lowick Manor that would make Mr Casaubon anxious and so make him ill. He was invited to Tipton Grange because Mr Brooke would be alone and wanted some good company who might be able to help him write political speeches in future.
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- 1 He is Rosamond and Fred's uncle. He is bad-tempered.
 - 2 They hoped that he would leave them some money when he died, although Mary was not so sure. She hoped that she would not change but that Fred would always love her.
 - 3 He had not seen Rosamond for a long time so when they met, and she was upset, he felt even more attracted to her. She may have persuaded him because she is used to getting what she wants.
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- 1 Because he had lots of relatives.
 - 2 Because she thought it would upset her husband.
 - 3 Because they thought Fred would get most of the money and no-one knew Peter Featherstone had a son.
 - 4 She advised him to think of her and to go back to college. She advised him to think of the future, to make himself useful and to find a job. She did not think he should become a clergyman.
 - 5 Because Lydgate is not rich.
 - 6 She told him that Lydgate would be rich one day and that she loved him.
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- 1 Mr Brooke believed in change and new ideas. Sir James disagreed because he thinks old ideas work well in England, especially for old (wealthy) families.
 - 2 Because he does not want Will nearby, doing that kind of work. He is annoyed because Will no longer needs his help.
 - 3 He talked about his family history.
 - 4 He told him not to accept the job at the newspaper or else he would not be welcome in Mr Casaubon's home.
 - 5 She asked Mr Casaubon to give Will half of his money, which made him think that she is too interested in Will and made him even more jealous.

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- 1 Because they do not think he has the right skills to enter Parliament. They do not think people will listen to his ideas because he is not a good landlord. They are worried he will make a fool of himself.
 - 2 Because his marriage is not happy. Because he might never finish his work before he dies. Because Will is living nearby and he is jealous of Will and worried that he will marry Dorothea after his death.
 - 3 To prevent the marriage.
 - 4 He is a very jealous man who does not care about anyone else's happiness.
 - 5 Because he looked old and ill. Students' own answers.
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- 1 Dorothea was confused and unhappy because she was jealous to see Will with Rosamond and she did not want to admit this feeling. Will was angry because he is in love with Dorothea and did not want to admit it.
 - 2 That he is in love with Dorothea. Students' own answers.
 - 3 Because she did not know what the promise was.
 - 4 Because he died before she could talk to him.
- 12**
- 1 He said that she must never marry Will Ladislaw or else she would get no money. Celia told Dorothea about them.
 - 2 They stopped her feeling sorry for Mr Casaubon.
 - 3 The crowd did not like the speech. They thought Mr Brooke was being a hypocrite so they shouted at him and threw an egg at him.
 - 4 Because they were both worried about what the other one would think, and then they were interrupted.
- 13**
- 1 He had money problems.
 - 2 She got angry and would not help him.
 - 3 Students' own answers. Suggested answers: She behaved badly because she is spoilt. She behaved this way because this is how she has been brought up.
- 14**
- 1 Because she wanted to find out if it was true. She is attracted to Will and jealous of what she sees as Dorothea's romantic situation.
 - 2 To only speak to Dorothea once more then leave Middlemarch for ever and never see her again.
 - 3 Dorothea thought that Will was telling her that he loves Rosamond. Then she realized that he loves her. Will was not sure how Dorothea feels. They told each other the truth but not the whole truth so this led to uncertainty and confusion.

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- 1 They respected him but they did not like him because they thought he was too proud.
 - 2 That he inherited his money from a family business that might have been illegal. Also, that he should not have inherited the money, rather it should have gone to his wife's daughter. John Raffles reminded him.
 - 3 Lydgate wanted to only have one horse and one servant and move to a smaller house. Rosamond wanted to beg his uncle for help.
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- 1 Because he had taken the money that should have gone to Will's mother.
 - 2 Because he was worried that people would find out about his dishonest past and no longer respect him.
 - 3 Because he knew the money had come from dishonest means and that that was why his mother ran away.
 - 4 Bulstrode advised him to go bankrupt and to ask Dorothea for money to help the hospital.
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- 1 Opium.
 - 2 Because then if Raffles said anything to Lydgate, Bulstode thought he might be less likely to tell anyone.
 - 3 He died because he was given alcohol. Bulstrode was to blame because he did not stop him being given the alcohol even though he knew it would kill him.
- 18**
- 1 Harriet Bulstrode told her husband straightaway that she knew and supported her husband and forgave him. Rosamond did not tell her husband, or support or forgive him. Instead she only thought about herself.
 - 2 She thought he was attracted to her and she looked forward to him coming back. She wished she had married him instead.
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- 1 She did not want people to think badly of Lydgate so she gave him money so that he would be in debt to her instead of Bulstrode. She wanted Lydgate to be able to stay in Middlemarch because she thought he would do good in the town.
 - 2 She thought he was in love with Rosamond instead of her.
 - 3 He told her that he loved Dorothea, and no-one else.
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- 1 It was important for Dorothea because she found out that Will still loved her. It was important for Rosamond because she realized that she needs to support her husband because he is a good man who has never blamed her.
 - 2 She told him that she had told Dorothea the truth. Will did not know whether to be happy or sad because he was not quite sure what they had said.

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- 1 They realized they loved each other and Dorothea told him that she did not need much money but she had a little of her own. They probably agreed to get married then.
 - 2 She meant that love is more important than money and so Mr Casaubon's will did not matter.
 - 3 They did not think it was a good decision because she would be poor and would have to move away. Students' own answers.
- 22**
- 1 Suggested answers: They all ended up with what they wanted. Dorothea had the love of her husband and family. Celia was rich but still was able to see her sister. Mr Brooke lived a long life. Rosamond ended up being rich.