

BEGINNER LEVEL

The Trumpet-Major by Thomas Hardy

A Before Reading

1 Read *A Note About This Story* on pages 5 and 6. Choose five of these words and give their meanings.

infantryman regiment trumpet-major yeomanry dragoon
trumpeter press-gang trading-ship battle navy order

2 Look at *The People in This Story* on page 6. Make some guesses. Describe the character of each person. Use only one adjective.

- (a) Mrs Martha Garland (e) Miss Anne Garland
(b) Mr Loveday (f) John Loveday
(c) Robert Loveday (g) Festus Derriman
(d) Benjamin Derriman (h) Matilda Johnson

B While Reading

3 Who are these people? Read the story and write their names.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

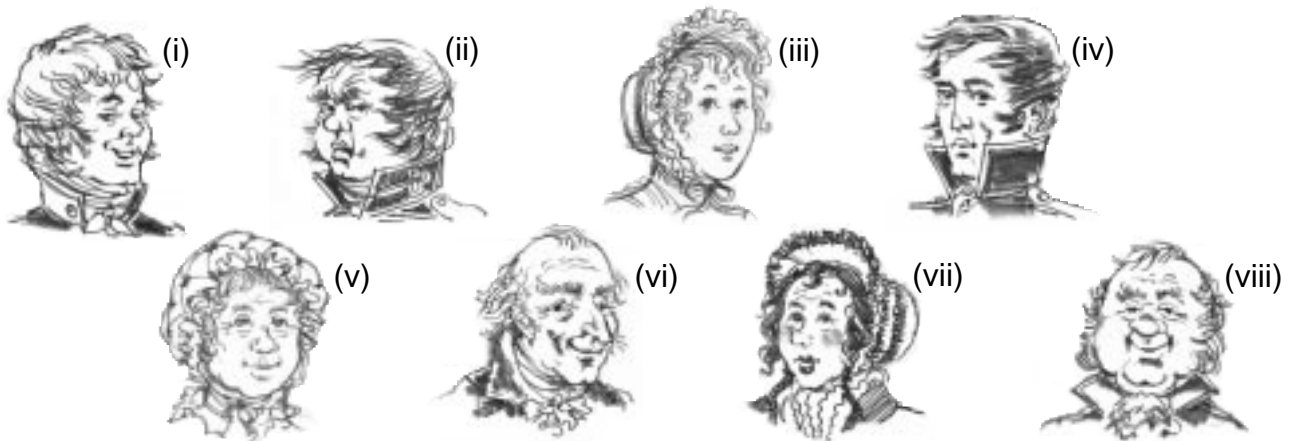
(e)

4 Places in this story. Who lives in each? Who visits each? Read the story and write the names.

Overcombe Mill		Oxwell Hall		Budmouth		Casterbridge	
lives	visits	lives	visits	lives	visits	lives	visits

C After Reading

- 5 (a) Which people love each other? Join the people. Use dotted lines (.....).
 (b) Which people marry each other? Which people are going to marry each other? Join the people. Use solid lines (————).



6 It is a year after the end of the story. Anne is now married. Did Anne marry the right man? Complete one of these sentences.

No, I think she married the wrong man. This is my reason.....

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Yes, I think she married the right man. This is my reason.....

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7 Why is the book called *The Trumpet-Major*? Can you think of another title?

8 Draw a new cover for this book. Use your new title from Question 7.