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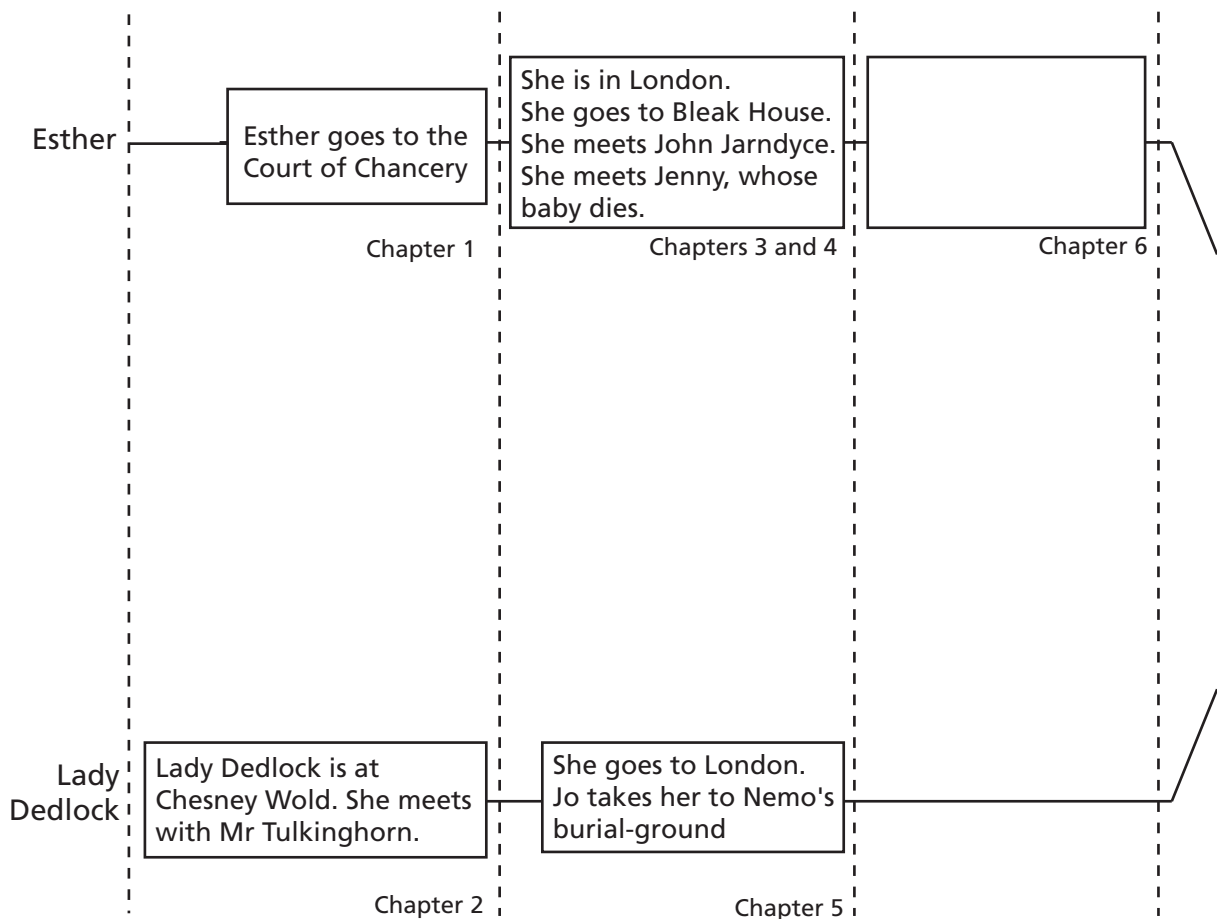
Bleak House by Charles Dickens

A Before Reading

- 1 Describe the picture on the front cover of this book. Write a list of four adjectives that you think might describe the story you are going to read.

B While Reading

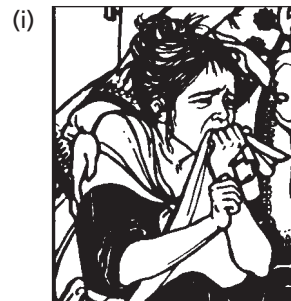
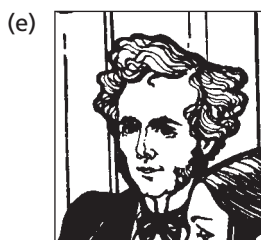
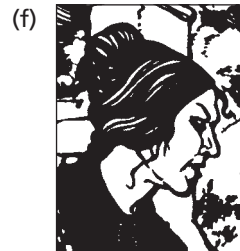
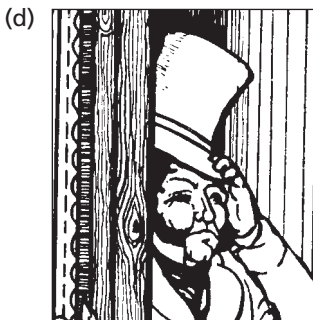
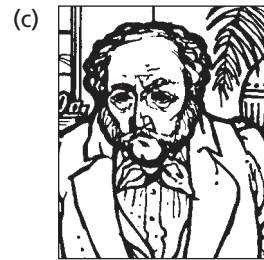
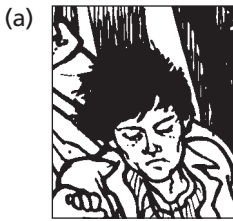
- 2 Keep a list of the numbers of the pages where Dickens writes about the lives of poor people in England at this time.
- 3 **Bleak House** is a complicated story. The story of Esther Summerson and the story of Lady Dedlock are mixed together in this book. Keep a chart to show what happens to each of them. (The chart will be long!)



- 4 Read to the end of Chapter 15. Who do you think killed Mr Tulkinghorn?

C After Reading

- 5 Look back at the pages you wrote down for Question 2. Write a report about what you have learnt about the lives of poor people.
- 6 Read the beginning of the book again. The first three paragraphs give you a “picture” in words of London in bad winter weather. Write three paragraphs about bad weather in your country. Write as good a “picture” as Dickens does.
- 7 Are there any clues that tell you about Esther’s relationship to Lady Dedlock? (Look back at Chapter 7 and Chapter 10.)
- 8 Tell Allan Woodcourt’s story.
- 9 Who are these people? Explain why each person is important in the story.



*Have you read **Our Mutual Friend** which is another Upper Level Reader by Charles Dickens?
Or have you read **The Return of the Native** by Thomas Hardy?*