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## SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *Wuthering Heights*

### Chapters 1-3

1. Why did Mr. Lockwood go to Wuthering Heights? What kind of welcome did he receive?
2. Why did Lockwood return to Wuthering Heights uninvited, and how do the results of his visit affect the remainder of the novel?
3. When Lockwood first enters Wuthering Heights, who lives there?
4. What feeling do we get from Wuthering Heights and its occupants in these first few chapters?
5. Describe Heathcliff.
6. What glimpses from the past does Lockwood discover from Catherine's books?
7. Whose ghost visits Mr. Lockwood? What is Heathcliff's reaction to the ghost?

### Chapters 4-8

1. Who is Nelly Dean?
2. What do the gifts Hindley and Catherine ask their father to bring them reveal about their characters?
3. What are Heathcliff's origins?
4. Why does Hindley despise Heathcliff?
5. Describe Catherine.
6. Compare and contrast Catherine's and Heathcliff's reactions to the Lintons at Thrushcross Grange.
7. Why did Edgar get applesauce dumped on him?
8. Catherine is pained by Hindley's punishment of Heathcliff, yet she remains as the hostess of her guests. What change does this reveal?
9. What does Heathcliff begin to plan?
10. Who is Hareton Earnshaw?
11. How does Frances' death affect Hindley?
12. Edgar gets a good look at Catherine's "other side." What is his reaction?

### Chapters 9-10

1. Who saves Hareton's life?
2. Why does Catherine accept Edgar's proposal when she knows Heathcliff is a part of her soul?
3. Why does Heathcliff disappear?
4. How has Heathcliff changed during his absence of three years?
5. Who is Isabella, and what does she think of Heathcliff?
6. How does Heathcliff begin his revenge on Hindley (and ultimately gain control of his land)?

## ANSWER KEY: SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *Wuthering Heights*

### Chapters 1-3

1. Why did Mr. Lockwood go to Wuthering Heights? What kind of welcome did he receive?

He wanted a little vacation and some solitude. His welcome was much less than hospitable; in fact, it was bitter. Mr. Heathcliff and all of the residents at Wuthering Heights were quite cross.

2. Why did Lockwood return to Wuthering Heights uninvited, and how do the results of his visit affect the remainder of the novel?

He had promised he would return. He wanted to get to know his landlord/neighbors; he couldn't believe they were always as cross as on his first encounter with them. Returning home in wintry weather, he becomes ill. This sets up his long time spent sitting quietly listening to Nelly tell the story.

3. When Lockwood first enters Wuthering Heights, who lives there?

Heathcliff (the landlord), his daughter-in-law (Catherine), Hareton Earnshaw, and Joseph.

4. What feeling do we get from Wuthering Heights and its occupants in these first few chapters?

Wuthering Heights (and the occupants) are cross, sulky, cold, and dark. We get a feeling of oppression and depression.

5. Describe Heathcliff.

He is dark, like a gypsy, with black eyes. He is handsome and dresses as a gentleman, yet he is sullen, short-tempered, and very reserved. It is obvious that he does not welcome visitors and does not like the people with whom he lives.

6. What glimpses from the past does Lockwood discover from Catherine's books?

First he learns of Catherine Earnshaw's existence and her friendship and fondness for Heathcliff. He also learns of Catherine's brother Hindley who resents Heathcliff and is cruel to him.

7. Whose ghost visits Mr. Lockwood? What is Heathcliff's reaction to the ghost?

Catherine's ghost appears to him. When Heathcliff hears of the ghost (and he has time alone), he goes into a bit of a sorrowful fit.

### Chapters 4-8

1. Who is Nelly Dean?

Nelly is the house servant for Mr. Lockwood (formerly housekeeper at Wuthering Heights). She tells the story of the Lintons, Earnshaws, and Heathcliff to Mr. Lockwood.

2. What do the gifts Hindley and Catherine ask their father to bring them reveal about their characters?

Hindley asks for a fiddle, suggesting he has more of an artist's personality. Catherine wants a whip. She appears to be the more robust of the two.

3. What are Heathcliff's origins?

Mr. Earnshaw found him ragged and starving on the streets of Liverpool.

4. Why does Hindley despise Heathcliff?

He dislikes Heathcliff because Mr. Earnshaw clearly favors Heathcliff over Hindley.

5. Describe Catherine.

She is very much her own master. She teases and provokes her entire family with pretended insolence. She adores Heathcliff, is saucy to her father, and yet appears to be not actually malicious but high-strung and too carefree.

6. Compare and contrast Catherine's and Heathcliff's reactions to the Lintons at Thrushcross Grange.

Heathcliff is disgusted by the Lintons. Catherine takes a liking to their elegant style of living.

7. Why did Edgar get applesauce dumped on him?

His comment about Heathcliff's hair puts Heathcliff in a temper.

8. Catherine is pained by Hindley's punishment of Heathcliff, yet she remains as the hostess of her guests. What change does this reveal?

She loves Heathcliff and worries about him, but she is strongly drawn to the Lintons and their lifestyle.

9. What does Heathcliff begin to plan?

He begins to plan his revenge on Hindley.

10. Who is Hareton Earnshaw?

Hareton is the son of Hindley and Frances Earnshaw.

11. How does Frances' death affect Hindley?

Hindley becomes more cruel and despondent. He turns to drinking alcohol excessively.

12. Edgar gets a good look at Catherine's "other side." What is his reaction?

He is horrified at her cruelty and blatant lie, yet his attraction to her and her weeping cause him to return and stay for a visit.