

Answers to *Oliver Twist*

CHAPTER 1

A Pre-reading

Students' own answers

B Answer the questions.

- 1 England, during the Industrial Revolution.
- 2 Nearly 10 years. Oliver was at the orphanage for 9 years, at the workhouse for several months, then locked up at the workhouse for several weeks — nearly a month — and then at Mr Sowerberry's for several months.
- 3 The orphanage with Mrs Mann, the workhouse, Mr Sowerberry's. Students' opinions for worst/best.

C Write T or F next to each sentence. Correct the false ones.

- 1 F - He was born in the workhouse.
- 2 T
- 3 F - She was not kind to any of the orphans.
- 4 T
- 5 F - Oliver was punished and the boys did not get more.

D Match the person with the description.

1-d 2-c 3-b 4-a 5-e

E Read the following quotations and then answer the questions.

"You've given him too much meat..."

- 1 Mr Bumble
- 2 at Mr Sowerberry's; outside the cellar where Oliver was locked in
- 3 Noah Claypole teased Oliver about his mother, so Oliver started hitting him. They locked Oliver in the cellar and called for Mr Bumble.

"Please, sir, I want some more."

- 1 Oliver said this to the master of the workhouse.
- 2 He wanted more to eat. / The other boys chose Oliver to speak for them all.
- 3 He was locked in a dark room and at every meal he was beaten in front of the other boys. And the workhouse put up a sign to find someone to take Oliver away.

F Put the events in the correct order.

- 5 Oliver runs away from Mr Sowerberry.
- 3 Oliver asks for more food.
- 1 Oliver goes to live with Mrs Mann.
- 2 Oliver works with other boys at the workhouse.
- 4 Oliver becomes an apprentice.

G Project

Students' own answers

CHAPTER 2

A Pre-reading

Students' own answers

B Answer these questions.

- 1 They steal.
- 2 He's a miser; he doesn't like to spend money.
- 3 He's kind-hearted; he felt sorry for Oliver; Oliver reminded him of someone. (Students' own answers about the woman in the painting.)
- 4 A policeman tells Nancy that Oliver went with Mr Brownlow. Fagin is afraid that Oliver will tell Mr Brownlow about them and Mr Brownlow will send the police after them.

C Write True (T) or False (F) next to each sentence. Correct the false ones.

- 1 T
- 2 F - They entered London after dark.
- 3 F - It was poorer and dirtier than he had ever seen.
- 4 T
- 5 T

D Read the following quotations and then answer the questions.

"I hope you've been at work this morning, boys."

- 1 Fagin said this to Charley Bates and Jack Dawkins.
- 2 They were stealing things — notebooks and silk handkerchiefs.
- 3 He thought they had made the things.

“It wasn’t that boy! It was two other boys. He was with them, but he didn’t take anything.”

- 1 The bookshop owner said this.
- 2 “That boy” is Oliver. “Two other boys” are Charley Bates and Jack Dawkins/the Artful Dodger.
- 3 The magistrate was going to send Oliver to prison, but as a result of these words he set Oliver free.

“But what is this? Look there.”

- 1 Mr Brownlow said this.
- 2 He was in a room in his house.
- 3 He was looking at a painting of a young woman who looked like Oliver.

CHAPTER 3

A Pre-reading

Students’ own answers

B Answer these questions.

- 1 He thinks Oliver will return to the thieves (because he has money, new clothes and books). Mr Grimwig is partly right: Oliver does return to the thieves, but not willingly.
- 2 She didn’t want the people to stop her. If they thought she was kidnapping Oliver, they might stop her.
- 3 Fagin wants to make him a thief. He lets Sikes use Oliver to rob a house.
- 4 He went because Mr Brownlow put an advertisement asking for information about Oliver. Mr Bumble said only bad things about Oliver. As a result, Mr Brownlow didn’t want to hear anything about the boy again.

C Put True (T) or False (F). Correct the false sentences.

- 1 T
- 2 F - Nancy and Bill Sikes did it.
- 3 T
- 4 F - Mr Brownlow put the ad.
- 5 T

D Put these events in order.

- 7 Nancy takes Oliver to Bill Sikes.
- 1 Oliver tells Mr Brownlow about his life.
- 3 Mr Sikes and Nancy take Oliver to Fagin.
- 2 Oliver starts to go to the bookshop.
- 8 Oliver meets Toby Crackit.
- 4 Mr Brownlow puts an ad in the paper.
- 6 Fagin meets with Mr Sikes to make plans for Oliver.
- 5 Mr Bumble tells Mr Brownlow about Oliver.

E Read the following quotations and answer the questions.

“Do you really think he’ll come back?”

- 1 Mr Grimwig said this to Mr Brownlow.
- 2 He said this just after Oliver went to pay for the books. He’s talking about Oliver.
- 3 Mr Brownlow said of course Oliver would come back. But he looked worried, so he had some doubts.

“Sadly, you were right. I do not want to hear his name ever again.”

- 1 Mr Brownlow said this to Mr Grimwig.
- 2 Grimwig said that Oliver would return to the thieves.
- 3 He doesn’t want to hear Oliver’s name because Mr Bumble told him that Oliver was bad.

“I’m not happy about this either. I’ve tried to help you, but it’s no good. I’ll try and help you again, but this is not the time. Now, come with me.”

- 1 Nancy said this to Oliver.
- 2 She told Mr Sikes to stop beating Oliver.
- 3 Nancy was taking Oliver to Mr Sikes so that Oliver could help rob a house.

CHAPTER 4

A Pre-reading

Students’ own answers

B Answer these questions.

- 1 London — Fagin’s house, and briefly Sikes’s house; the house in the countryside that Sikes and Crackit tried to rob; the workhouse where Oliver was born.
- 2 Crackit got back to London. We don’t know yet what happened to Sikes; he hadn’t returned home yet. Oliver was found and taken in by the people of the house.
- 3 Monks is tall, with dark hair and dark eyes. He looks around nervously. He looks cruel. He is not happy that Oliver was used for a robbery, though the reason is not very clear. He seems mostly afraid of the police.
- 4 He stayed more than six weeks. They learned that Mr Brownlow had moved to the West Indies six weeks earlier.

C Write True (T) or False (F). Correct the false sentences.

- 1 F - Only Toby went back.
- 2 T
- 3 F - Oliver was left in the field and went to the house in the morning.
- 4 F - He met him at Fagin’s house.
- 5 T
- 6 T

D Put these events in order.

- 4 Oliver told them the story of his life.
- 7 Nurse Sally told Mrs Corney about a woman who had died at the workhouse.
- 6 Mr Brownlow moved to the West Indies.
- 1 Nurse Sally stole a gold locket from Oliver’s mother.
- 2 Oliver knocked on the door of Mrs Maylie’s house.
- 5 Blathers and Duff came to Mrs Maylie’s house.
- 3 Mr Brittles called the detectives.

E Read these quotations from the story and answer the questions.

“He looks so helpless and small. If it hadn’t been for your generosity, I might be helpless like this small child!”

- 1 Rose said this to Mrs Maylie.
- 2 She is talking about Oliver, who is wounded.
- 3 Mrs Maylie was generous to adopt Rose when she was a child. This is why Rose now feels she wants to be generous in turn to some other child — Oliver.