

Teacher	Subject	Class	Topic
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Jane Eyre

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Highlights -

ch. 11 - Jane meets Rochester for the first time where he falls down from his horse and Jane offers him help without realizing that he is her master.

ch. 14-21 - Rochester makes her his confidante trusting her character. He also continuously nudges her to let go reveal her real self. Jane slowly begins to reciprocate by becoming comfortable around Rochester.

ch. 21 - Jane learns that John, her cousin is dead and her aunt is very ill. She visits her aunt (Mrs. Reed). Jane's parents had belonged to different economic and social class. She is handed a letter by John Eyre who wished to adopt her 3 years back. She forgives her aunt and says "Poor suffering woman! It was too late for her to make now the effort to change her habitual frame of mind: living, she had ever hated me dying, she must hate me still."

* Jane ~~has~~ is secretly in love with Rochester. She enjoys his company but is too conscious to let him know this. Rochester breaks the news of his upcoming marriage to Jane and asks her to start looking for a new job. Then he proposes Jane Eyre for

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his love and admiration for Jane Eyre in the most heartfelt manner. But Jane decides to leave Thornfield. This ~~all is changed about me, sir, I must change~~ ~~too~~ ch. in particular highlights the strong character of Jane Eyre. She has a strong will and a fiery spirit. She loves Mr. Rochester ardently but she also knows to love and care for herself before anybody else. I care for myself, the more solitary, the more friendless, the more unsustained, I am, the more I will respect myself. Jane leaves Thornfield Hall early in the morning.

ch 28: It narrates the hardships faced by Jane after she leaves Thornfield and before she gets a shelter.

ch 29: She gets is helped by a parson named St. John Rivers and his two

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ter Sisters Diana and Mary Rivers, Jane takes the name of St. Jane Elliott. ch 30 John offers her a job as schoolmistress in a village.

ch 31: 'Which is better? ... whether is it better ... to be slave in a fool's paradise at Glasgill - ... or to be a village schoolmistress, free and honest, in a breezy mountain nook in the healthy heart of England?' By accepting Rochester's love Jane would become a mistress of

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him and these go against the principle and law of Christianity which does not approve of polygamy. She listens to her conscience and overcomes temptation to choose her ^{yet unbridled} luxurious life with Mr Rochester.

This ch. also gives an insight into the character of St. John Rivers. He is seen showing He is a grave looking man of serious demeanour. He is a missionary who has wilfully and with great effort subdued his natural instinct of an artist and has chosen the simple and sombre life of a parson. He believes that one can ~~make~~ create one's own fate ^{even by} going against the natural instincts - ^{He's cold, detached, unaffected by} ^{own home}

Ch 32 - Jane Eyre tries to strike a match b/w St. John Rivers and his lady love Rosamond Oliver.

Ch 33: John finds out about the true identity of Jane Eyre. He also breaks the news to her that her uncle, John Eyre of Madeira has died and left her his property. It is also revealed that St. John and Jane Eyre are cousins.

Jane's mother was John's aunt (father's sister). Jane is as ecstatic to find out that she has 3 relations. She ~~ex~~

decides that 20 thousand pounds ^{money} be equally divided amongst 4 cousins.

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Ch 91 - Jane enjoys her family time with John, Diana and Mary at Boston. Later in the same chapter, John tries to convince Jane to accompany him to India as his wife and a missionary. He thinks that Jane is the most suitable person for this vocation which demands hardwork, selflessness, compassion and an utter devotion to God and His subjects. St. John believes that with her calm and composure, firm and her grittiness Jane would most successfully deliver her duties as a missionary. However, their marriage would be nothing more than an arrangement for fulfilling these duties. However, Jane is not convinced by this prospect. Although she is deeply moved by the passionate assertion and trust of St. John in her, she does not seem ready for a marriage from which love and care is absent. She does not believe in any such union. Consequently, she boldly rejects this proposal clearing stating her reasons for doing so. In rejecting him, Jane also rejects the audacity with which a man "claims" a woman. St. John, in making his proposal says: "I claim you - not for my pleasure but for my sovereign's service." "I am not fit for it; I have no vocation", replies Jane.

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Christ - Their relationship is explained in one ^{multitude} exchange - They unite and confess their love for each other. "This is for she takes care of him. They (pg. 510) get married and have a son together.

"To be together is for us to be at once as free as in solitude, as gay as in company."

Jane Eyre's journey is the journey of a girl who is wretched, broken, kindless to ~~rise~~ becoming one who has faith, creates a life full of faith and spirituality, individuality, love, prosperity and kinship. She stands at par with the men in her life whether it is frantic, impetuous ^{but passionate} Rochester or stern, ambitious, resolute but unfeeling St. John. D. Bharti

Objective Questions on Jane Eyre —

- ① Who is the author of the novel 'Jane Eyre'?
— Charlotte Brontë
- ② What is the pen-name by which Charlotte Brontë was known in the literary field?
— Currer Bell
- ③ When was 'Jane Eyre' first published?
— 16th October 1847
- ④ Who does Jane Eyre live with before the age of 10?
— Jane Eyre lives with her aunt Mrs. Reed, her cousins Georgina, Eliza and John and a servant named Bessie at Gateshead Hall.
- ⑤ Where is Jane Eyre sent for her studies?
— Lowood
- ⑥ Where does Jane Eyre meet Mr. Rochester?
— Thornfield Hall
- ⑦ Who sets fire in Rochester's bedroom?
— Bertha Mason
- ⑧ Which character is based on the Reverend Calver Wilson, a figure from Charlotte Brontë's childhood?
— Mr. Brocklehurst

- ⑦ Who becomes a friend of Jane Eyre at Lowood?
- Helen Burns
- ⑩ What is the name of Jane's pupil at Thornfield?
- Adele Varens
- ⑪ What is Jane's position at Thornfield?
- Governess
- ⑫ What two natural elements are important symbols in the novel?
- Fire and Ice
- ⑬ What might Bertha Mason's imprisonment symbolize in Victorian England?
- The status of women in marriage
- ⑭ Why does St. John Rivers propose Jane Eyre for marriage?
- He wants Jane Eyre to accompany him to India as a missionary.