Jane Eyre: 4HC Foundation Homework tasks

Here are some options for homework tasks for each of the lessons in this unit of work.

You do not need to use all of these tasks and you do not need to set homework every lesson.

Please refer to your school and department homework policy when setting and marking homework tasks.

1	Write a description of the Yorkshire landscape. Focus on the isolated and bleak moorland.
2	Write your own piece of creative writing about an incident of bullying.
3	Compare the characters of Oliver Twist and Jane Eyre. What are there similarities and differences? Or Compare Jane Eyre to another famous orphan (could be from a novel or film)
4	Research: How did Victorians punish children for poor behaviour?
5	Write your own piece of creative writing about childhood fears
6	Write Jane's diary as she thinks about going to school.
7	Research: Were there different types of schools during the Victorian era? What were they like? What subjects did students study?
8	Write a description of Mr Brocklehurst. Is he a likeable character? Why? Why not?
9	Do you think that Mr Brocklehurst and Mrs Reed should be trying to change Jane's personality? Explain your answer using references to the novel.
10	**What kind of character is Mrs Reed?** **How does Charlotte Bronte make a reader feel sorry for Jane Eyre during her time at Gateshead Hall?** Write two paragraphs on one of these questions.
11	Look at the image of the setting of Lowood School (slide 6). **Write a clear description of the setting.** When you wrote an allegory last year, you included a clear description in your writing. Use the advice from last year to help make your description clear and interesting for a reader.

12	Imagine you are Bessie. **Write your reply to Jane.** Think about how you would react to what Jane has told you about the school, and how you can advise her to stay optimistic and happy. Lowood School was actually based on the school Charlotte Bronte went to as a child. Find out more about the Clergy Daughters' School that Jane attended and how it influenced her writing on Lowood.
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14	How has discipline in schools changed since 'Jane Eyre' was written? Why do you think it has changed so much? How is life at Lowood School similar to life in the workhouse from 'Oliver Twist'? What are the differences?
15	Who do you think has the right attitude to forgiveness and revenge, Jane or Helen Burns? Are either of them totally correct? Why does Jane feel the way she does?
16	How do Jane and Helen Burns react to punishment?
17	Explain how Mr Bumble from 'Oliver Twist', Mrs Reed from 'Jane Eyre', or Napoleon from 'Animal Farm' is an example of a hypocrite.
18	Explain how these characters would have felt when Jane was made to stand on the stool in front of the whole school: Helen Burns, Mr Brocklehurst, Mr Brocklehurst's daughters, Mrs Reed
19	Look back at the research lesson for Victorian childhood. Look how the children were punished for lying. Was Jane's punishment very harsh? Was it typical?
20	What was consumption in the Victorian era? What name do we call it today? What causes it? How can it be treated or prevented?
21	Look at the resource: Consumption in Britain. Which sicknesses caused the most deaths in Victorian Britain? Which areas were the worst affected? Lowood School is set in Lancashire. Which illnesses affected Lancashire the most?
22	Scientists in the Victorian era believed in the miasma theory (https://www.bl.uk/victorian-britain/articles/health-and-hygiene-in-the-19th-century). What was the miasma theory? Was it accurate? What do scientists believe now? How did John Snow and the Broad Street pump influence scientific thinking (we studied this last year)?

23	Look at the final sentences of Chapter 9. We find out that many years later, someone gave Helen Burns a gravestone. Who do you think did this? Why?
24	https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/the-figure-of-the-governess http://www.victorianweb.org/gender/wadso2.html Find out more about the role of a governess in Victorian life. What was good about life as a governess? What was bad about it?
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