# Jane Eyre: Traditional 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.

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| **1** | Write a description of the Yorkshire landscape. Focus on the isolated and bleak moorland. |
| **2** | Read the extract from 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.' What are the similarities between John Reed and Dudley Dursley? (see separate document) |
| **3** | Compare the characters of Oliver Twist and Jane Eyre. What are there similarities and differences?<br>Or<br>Research: Find out some more information about Nero and Caligula. |
| **4** | Research: How did Victorians punish children for poor behaviour? |
| **5** | Write your own piece of creative writing about childhood fears |
| **6** | Write the same incident from the narrative voice of Jane as a child. What would she say about Mrs Reed? Here is your opening sentence: *At last both slept: the fire and the candle went out and my thoughts turned to Mrs Reed.* |
| **7** | Research: What is an apothecary? We will meet another later in the year so it is important you know how the job changed over time.<br>http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife/people/apothecaries |
| **8** | Research: Were there different types of schools during the Victorian era? What were they like? What subjects did students study? |
| **9** | Write a PEE paragraph that answers the following: How does Brontë present Mrs Reed in chapter 4? |
| **10** | Write about the argument between Jane and Mrs Reed from Mrs Reed's narrative voice. Think about what she would have thought about Jane's outburst. |
| **11** | Using the sentences written in class, write a diary entry of Jane's day as she leaves Gateshead and arrives in Lowood. |

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| **12** | What sort of character is Miss Temple? How does Jane feel about her? Explain your answer using evidence from the novel. |
| **13** | Jane and Helen are deal with punishments in very different ways. Whose way of coping is most effective? Why? |
| **14** | https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/school-report-on-the-bront-sisters<br>This is a copy of the Bronte sisters' school report from the Clergy Daughters' School at Cowan Bridge. This is the school that Lowood was based on.<br>What do you learn about the Charlotte Bronte from the report? What do you learn about the school? How is it similar or different to Lowood? |
| **15** | https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/moral-and-instructive-childrens-literature<br>This website gives details of ways that Victorians tried to teach children how to behave. Look at some of the examples from the site.<br>What is more successful in showing a child how to behave? One of the stories from this page, or the story of 'Jane Eyre'? Why do you think this? |
| **16** | Compare Napoleon from 'Animal Farm' to Brocklehurst from 'Jane Eyre'. Both have different rules for themselves and others. Both abuse their power.<br>Mrs Reed could also be described as a hypocrite. Explain why Mrs Reed was a hypocrite in the opening chapters of 'Jane Eyre'. You may want to think about how she treats her son, John Reed. |
| **17** | Explain how these characters would have felt when Jane was made to stand on the stool in front of the whole school:<br>Helen Burns, Mr Brocklehurst, Mr Brocklehurst's daughters, Mrs Reed |
| **18** | In the lesson, you thought about what the juxtaposition of Miss Temple and Mr Brocklehurst told a reader about Charlotte Brontë's attitude to childhood.<br>Write two paragraphs on this question. |
| **19** | What was consumption in the Victorian era? What name do we call it today? What causes it? How can it be treated or prevented? |

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| **20** | Look at the resource: Consumption in Britain.<br>Which sicknesses caused the most deaths in Victorian Britain?<br>Which areas were the worst affected?<br>Lowood School is set in Lancashire. Which illnesses affected Lancashire the most?<br><br>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)? |
| **21** | Re-draft your paragraphs on Helen Burns. Make sure that you include:<br>• Relevant historical context<br>An explanation of why Bronte included Helen Burns in 'Jane Eyre', and how a reader is meant to feel about her character |
| **22** | **Charlotte Brontë ensured that Mr Brocklehurst got his comeuppance in 'Jane Eyre'.**<br>Write two paragraphs on this statement. Remember how important Mr Brocklehurst was in the community, and how little he is respected now. |
| **23** | https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/the-figure-of-the-governess<br>http://www.victorianweb.org/gender/wadso2.html<br>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? |
| **24** | Assessment preparation / revision |