

Film Questions - *Tale of Two Cities*

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Name _____

Discussion is fine, but please do not copy answers from another student.

1. Who wrote the book upon which this movie is based?
2. What are the two cities of the title?
3. In what Paris prison was Dr. Manette held for 18 years?
4. How do we know Charles Darnay believes in Enlightenment ideas? Whom in America does Darnay admire?
5. Who arranged for Charles Darnay to be arrested in England? Why?
6. French people who want to overthrow the king must be secretive. What code name do they use to identify themselves?
7. Back in Paris, during the Reign of Terror, Charles Darnay is arrested and put on trial again. What crime is he charged with this time?
8. Why does Madame De Farge hate aristocrats so much?
9. Do you believe that any man in real life would make the kind of sacrifice that Sydney Carton made for Lucie Manette? Why do you think Sydney made this sacrifice?
10. What made this “the best of times and the worst of times?”

Tale of Two Cities

Overview of the film

This story takes place in France and England in the years shortly before the French Revolution. With the help of friends, an old man has escaped from prison in France. His daughter, Lucie, goes to France and brings her father home to England where he will be safe. Lucie meets and marries a young French nobleman living in England. Although the nobleman has a damaging secret, he and Lucie live happily in England, and they have a child. But, soon, these people and their friends will be swept up by the revolution in France and the bloody Reign of Terror that follows.

Cast of Major Characters

(in order of appearance)

Mr. Jarvis Laurie, Jr. - Representative of Tilson's Bank, London

Lucie Manette - Lovely young woman who has been living in England for 17 years; she is the daughter of Dr. Manette

Miss Pross - Miss Lucie's companion

Ernest de Farge and **Madame de Farge** - owners of a Paris wine shop who hate aristocrats (members of the nobility). The de Farges become revolutionaries

Dr. Manette - Father of Miss Lucie...had been imprisoned by aristocrats in a Paris prison for 18 years

Marquis St. Evramonde - nasty French aristocrat (nobleman) who cares more about his horses than the life of a poor child

Charles Darnay - nice nephew of the nasty Marqis St. Evramonde. Although he was born a nobleman, Charles believes in the ideas of the Enlightenment.

Sidney Carton - clever British attorney and drunk. He has the most important role in this story.