

Quiz: RL.9-10.6

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Excerpt from chapters 7 and 8 of *Wuthering Heights*
Emily Bronte

Mr. Lockwood comes to stay Thrushcross Grange for some peace, but finds himself drawn to the story of Heathcliff and Catherine. Nelly Dean, the housekeeper, tells him their tale.

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- 1 Thus interrupting herself, the housekeeper rose, and proceeded to lay aside her sewing; but I felt incapable of moving from the hearth, and I was very far from nodding. 'Sit still, Mrs. Dean,' I cried; 'do sit still another half-hour. You've done just right to tell the story leisurely. That is the method I like; and you must finish it in the same style. I am interested in every character you have mentioned, more or less.'
- 2 'The clock is on the stroke of eleven, sir.'
- 3 'No matter—I'm not accustomed to go to bed in the long hours. One or two is early enough for a person who lies till ten.'
- 4 'You shouldn't lie till ten. There's the very prime of the morning gone long before that time. A person who has not done one-half his day's work by ten o'clock, runs a chance of leaving the other half undone.'
- 5 'Nevertheless, Mrs. Dean, resume your chair; because to-morrow I intend lengthening the night till afternoon. I prognosticate for myself an obstinate cold, at least.'
- 6 'I hope not, sir. Well, you must allow me to leap over some three years; during that space Mrs. Earnshaw—'
- 7 'No, no, I'll allow nothing of the sort! Are you acquainted with the mood of mind in which, if you were seated alone, and the cat licking its kitten on the rug before you, you would watch the operation so intently that puss's neglect of one ear would put you seriously out of temper?'
- 8 'A terribly lazy mood, I should say.'
- 9 'On the contrary, a tiresomely active one. It is mine, at present; and, therefore, continue minutely. I perceive that people in these regions acquire over people in towns the value that a spider in a dungeon does over a spider in a cottage, to their various occupants; and yet the deepened attraction is not entirely owing to the situation of the looker-on. They *do* live more in earnest, more in themselves, and less in surface, change, and frivolous external things. I could fancy a love for life here almost possible; and I was a fixed unbeliever in any love of a year's standing. One state resembles setting a hungry man down to a single dish, on which he may concentrate his entire appetite and do it justice; the other, introducing him to a table laid out by French cooks: he can perhaps extract as much enjoyment from the whole; but each part is a mere atom in his regard and remembrance.'

