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Silas Marner by George Eliot

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How does the book begin?

Plot - The plot is the sequence of events which make up a story. One plot focuses on Silas's loss of faith in God's justice. What happens to cause his loss of faith? Do you think his faith is regained fully? Which character has the biggest impact on Silas's regeneration of faith, Eppie or Dolly? Use content from the novel to support your answer.

Plot - There are two plots in the novel that intertwine each other. Cite examples to show how the actions of a character in one group affect the destiny of those in the other.

Climax - As one event leads to another, the plot or plots progress step by step to the climax, or point of highest interest. This climax is usually the turning point for a major character. What event in Silas's life signals the climax in the novel? Use support from the novel.

Analysis - Analysis is the detailed examination of the elements of something. Compare Silas's religious naiveté with that of Dolly Winthrop. How do they compare, or are they totally opposite? Support your answer.

Theme - Theme is the central idea that expresses a general outlook on life. What would you say is the theme of Silas Marner? Use content from the novel to support your ideas.

Self-Destruction - Which characters in the novel cause his/her own destruction? How do other characters earn happiness? Did the characters' actions seem natural and real? Use specific illustrations from the novel to support your answer.

Point of View - George Eliot uses several points of view in the novel. The most dominant is the omniscient, or all-knowing observer. Sometimes, however, she seems to speak through a character. Find three places where this happens in the novel. Discuss the differences you see when the point of view changes.

What would you change in the novel if you could? Explain your answer.

Which character appears to be the strongest one and why? Support your answer.

Which character appears to be the weakest one and why? Support your answer.

Which character do you most relate to and why? Support your answer.
