WUTHERING HEIGHTS

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Note
The text used to prepare this guide was the Bantam Classic softcover edition published in March, © 1981. Wuthering Heights was first published in 1847. The page references may differ in the hardcover or other paperback editions.

Please note: Please assess the appropriateness of this play for the age level and maturity of your students prior to reading and discussing it with your class.

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Anticipation Guide

Write “A” next to statements with which you agree. If you disagree, write “D.” If you’re not sure, write “NS.” After you have read the novel, look at your answers again and see if you want to change any of them.

____ 1. True love is forever—once you are in love with someone, no one else will do.
____ 2. Sometimes, a slow steady fire is better than a raging inferno.
____ 3. The worst thing about a broken heart is that it keeps beating.
____ 4. Love and romance are the same thing.
____ 5. “All you need is love.” (The Beatles)
____ 6. Success is the best revenge.
____ 7. The taste of revenge is always sweet.
____ 8. “Conscience is born of love.” (Shakespeare)
____ 9. If a person is born into a certain social class, he or she should marry within that class.
____ 10. When women marry, they should give all of their property and money to their husbands.
____ 11. Marrying one’s cousin can be financially advantageous.
____ 12. If you are truly in love, death cannot separate you spiritually.
____ 13. There is a difference between love and obsession.
____ 14. “It lies not in our power to love or hate
   For will in us is overruled by fate.” (Christopher Marlowe)
____ 15. People who have had few advantages should be forgiven for their actions, no matter how cruel.
Group Vocabulary Activity

A task like finding the meanings for a long list of words can be much easier and more enjoyable when everyone pitches in.

1. Form four groups. Each group is in charge of the words on one of the lists below.
2. Divide the words in your group’s list so that each group member has one or two words. Make word maps for your word(s), using the format below.
3. Meet quietly with your group, sharing your word maps.
4. Choose a representative or two to share your group’s words with the class.

Word Lists: (Page numbers where words are found follow the words.)

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Word Map Format:

- Synonyms:
- Part of Speech as Used in Novel:
- A Visual Representation of Your Word or a Way to Remember Its Meaning:
- Word Used in Your Own Sentence:
Name ____________________ __

Activity #3: Vocabulary
Chapters VII-XII

blackguard 47    expostulated 52    cambric 53    equanimity 53
prognosticate 55 consumption 57 dissipation 59 petulantly 62
consternation 64 vociferating 66 vagaries 66 winsome 70
munificent 81    dilatory 82    sizar 82    protract 88
abjured 91       avarice 94    mitigating 97 propitiate 100
apprprobation 102 compunction 108 pertinaciously 109 deranged 111
paroxysm 115     recantation 118 scruple 119 sovereign 121

Directions: From the list above, find a synonym for each word or definition below and write it on the line. All the words will not be used.

1. stability, evenness of temper
2. intemperance
3. villain
4. hesitation or sense of regret
5. principle
6. spasm
7. greed
8. insane
9. slow
10. gold coin
11. foretell
12. conciliate
13. lengthen
14. generous
15. tuberculosis
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Activity #4: Vocabulary
Chapters XIII-XVIII

Name__________________________

ACROSS
2. vengeful threats
6. like the Devil
7. shining; brilliant
9. tranquility
12. name (thing or person)
13. heretical
15. slovenly woman
16. hopeless
18. dull and uninteresting
19. gate or window
20. toll for making meal
21. dreary (colloquial)
22. boldness

DOWN
1. repeated statement
3. restlessness
4. make unnecessary
5. willingness
8. depression; hopelessness
10. begged
11. imperious
14. cheerful
17. horrible; reprehensible

diabolical
iteration
abject
scintillating
quiescence
magisterial
thible
heterodox
comminations
disquietude
obviate
slattern
audacity
odious
importuned
insipid
alacrity
appellation
despondency
sanquine
dree
wicket

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Activity #5: Vocabulary
Chapters XIX-XXIV

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**Directions:** Some simple sentences appear below. Use words from the list to expand them. Try to use three or more list words in each sentence; you may want to use different forms of the words (i.e. “mortified” instead of “mortification”). Underline the words from the list that you use in each sentence.

1. She wept.
   
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2. He crept.
   
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3. She ran.
   
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4. He can.
   
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5. He lied.
   
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6. She died.
   
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
Directions: In the sentences below, vocabulary words are underlined. Rewrite each sentence, without changing its meaning, so that it is clear you know the meaning of the underlined word.

Example: "...he harped on the cruel obligation of being held asunder from his friend and love..."
Rewritten: "...he repeated that it was cruel to keep him apart from his friend and love..."

1. "...the hollowness round them transforming to haggard wildness the languid expression they once possessed." (page 239)

2. "The havoc that months had previously wrought was now emulated by the inroads of hours." (page 242)

3. "...and her poor little heart reproached itself for even that passing forgetfulness of its cares." (page 243)

4. "...his cousin's patience was not sufficient to endure this enigmatical behaviour." (page 243)

5. "To the devil with your clamour!" (page 251)

6. "I seated myself in a chair, and rocked, to and fro, passing harsh judgement on my many derelictions of duty..." (page 253)

7. "I got the sexton, who was digging Linton's grave, to remove the earth off her coffin-lid..." (page 263)
Name____________________

Activity #7: Vocabulary
Chapters XXX-XXXIV

Directions: Match each word from the list above with its etymology, below.

1. Latin: de (down) + statuere (to set)
2. French: à (to) + droit (right)
3. OE: feowertene (fourteen) + nicht (night)
4. OE: bana (killer)
5. Latin: vigil (awake)
6. OE: smitan (to strike)
7. Latin: re (back) + talio (punishment in kind)
8. Latin: cum (with) + descendere (to stoop)
9. Greek: monos (single) + mania (madness)
10. Latin: ob (against) + durate (harden)
11. Italian: paragone (touchstone)
12. Latin: re (again) + probare (to test)
13. Latin: dis (away from) + in (without) + cantare (to sing)
Directions: Answer each question briefly but completely. Use your completed study guide later on to study for quizzes and tests.

Chapters I-VI

1. What is the mood of the first chapter? If you were at Wuthering Heights, what sounds would you hear?
2. What is Mr. Heathcliff like? Does he seem very glad to see Lockwood?
3. What new characters are introduced in Chapter II? Are their identities made clear?
4. What sentence at the beginning of Chapter III is an example of foreshadowing?
5. What information does Lockwood learn that then becomes a part of his nightmare?
6. What is Heathcliff’s reaction to Lockwood’s nightmare?
7. What structural change occurs in the novel in Chapter IV?
8. How did Heathcliff breed bad feelings in the Earnshaw house?
9. What is Cathy Earnshaw like? Would you want her for a friend?
10. What are Hindley’s feelings about Heathcliff?
11. What are Heathcliff’s feelings about Hindley?
12. How do the lives of Cathy, Heathcliff, and Nelly change after Mr. Earnshaw’s death?
13. Compare the reactions of the Lintons to Cathy and to Heathcliff.

Chapters VII-XII

14. How does Catherine change after her stay with the Lintons?
15. What conflict develops between Catherine and Heathcliff?
16. How does it happen that Nelly, a servant, is so well-spoken and intelligent?
17. How does his wife’s death affect Hindley? Is he happy to be a father?

18. Who saves Hareton from death? Why is he immediately sorry?

19. What choice must Catherine make?

20. How might Catherine’s marriage to Edgar help Heathcliff?

21. Does Catherine decide to marry Edgar because she loves him more than Heathcliff?

22. To what does Catherine compare her love for Edgar and her love for Heathcliff?

23. How does Heathcliff’s departure indirectly bring tragedy?

24. How does Heathcliff’s return bring emotional chaos?

25. What information does Nelly learn from Hareton?

26. What does Heathcliff now seem to be determined to accomplish?

27. What happens to Isabella’s dog, Fanny? Who do you think is responsible?

28. How has Catherine reacted to Heathcliff’s return and his subsequent fighting with Edgar and elopement with Isabella?

Chapters XIII-XVIII

29. How is Isabella received in her new home?

30. What different form does the narrative take in Chapter XIII?

31. How does Heathcliff perceive his love for Catherine in comparison to how he believes Edgar feels about her?

32. How does Heathcliff have Isabella legally in his control?

33. How does Catherine envision her afterlife?

34. Whose fault do you think it is that both Heathcliff’s and Cathy’s hearts are broken?
35. Why did Edgar hope for a son?

36. What is Heathcliff's reaction to Catherine's death?

37. What does the change of weather (Chapter XVII) add to the mood?

38. What has happened to Hindley?

39. Explain Heathcliff's metaphor comparing Hareton to a tree (page 172).

40. How do we learn about what's been going on at Wuthering Heights?

41. Where does Isabella go? What happens there?

42. Describe young Catherine.

43. How does Catherine meet Hareton? What is her reaction to learning he is her cousin?

Chapters XIX-XXIV

44. How is Linton Heathcliff like/unlike his uncle?

45. What is Heathcliff's only interest in his son?

46. How long is it before Cathy sees her cousin Linton again?

47. How has Heathcliff used Hareton for his revenge on Hindley? How do they feel about one another?

48. What secret activity does Nelly learn about?

49. How does the end of her “romance” affect Cathy?

50. According to Heathcliff, how has the end of his contact with Cathy affected Linton?

51. If you were Cathy, how would you react to Linton? How does she?

52. How is Cathy able to see Linton in the evenings?
53. What new insight do we get concerning Linton’s personality and behavior?

54. When Cathy’s visits are discovered, what compromise is reached?

Chapters XXV-XXIX

55. What is Edgar’s situation?

56. What do Linton’s letters to Edgar imply?

57. Why has Edgar decided it will be all right for Cathy to marry Linton?

58. Why does Linton insist he is feeling stronger? What do you think is really going on?

59. How does Linton turn out to be a traitor?

60. What does Heathcliff force Cathy to do?

61. What is Cathy’s main reason for distress during the five days at the Heights?

62. How does Linton show he’s not completely selfish?

63. Why is Heathcliff now master of Thrushcross Grange?

64. What did Heathcliff get the sexton to do?

65. What does Heathcliff want the sexton to do when he dies?

Chapters XXX-XXXIV

66. What was in Linton’s will?

67. How has Cathy changed? Why?

68. Why does Cathy make fun of Hareton?

69. How much time passes between Chapters XXXI and XXXII?
70. At the beginning of Chapter XXXII, how is positive change foreshadowed?

71. How did Heathcliff gradually disintegrate, while Hareton began to redeem himself?

72. Why did Heathcliff finally seem so happy?

73. To what do you attribute Heathcliff's illness and death?

74. At the end of the novel, which has proved to be the stronger force—love or hate?

Conclusions: In the space below, make notes about the possible themes of the novel, any symbolism you noted, and stylistic or structural characteristics which are notable.
Directions: The novel takes place in two settings, Wuthering Heights and Thrushcross Grange. Each location has a different mood and feeling, yet there are likenesses as well. As you read, note the differences and likenesses of the two settings.
Directions: When Emily Brontë wrote *Wuthering Heights*, she had to make sure her characters' ages coordinated with dates stated in the novel and with other mentions of time passing. If you are a very observant reader, you will be able to complete the chart below by the time you finish the novel.

Clues:
1. first word of Chapter I
2. last sentence of Chapter VII
3. first sentence of Chapter VIII

These clues will get you started. Look for more as you read.
Directions: A sociogram is a way of tracking the way a character relates to others in the novel. In the diagram below, jot notes to indicate how Heathcliff feels about the characters around him, and how they in turn feel about him. Add to your diagram as you continue reading.
Directions: One event often results in another. The first is known as the cause and the second as the effect.

For example:

(cause) Mr. Earnshaw brings Heathcliff home. (effect) Hindley jealous/Cathy in love

An effect may become a cause.

(effect/cause) Hindley jealous/mistreats Heathcliff (effect) Heathcliff vows revenge.

Complete the cause-and-effect map below by filling in circles 2 through 7. The completed chart should show a chain of events, beginning with Heathcliff's vow of revenge and ending with his death.
**Activity #12: Character Comparison**

**Use After Reading**

**Directions:** Place each character, by his or her letter, somewhere on each of the scales below. If you don’t have enough information to make a definite decision, place the character’s letter at “0.”

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<th>A. Heathcliff</th>
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**Directions:** Some of the most powerful scenes in English Literature occur in *Wuthering Heights*. Rate each novel event listed according to the effect it had on you when you read it. It might help to picture these events as scenes in a movie version of the novel. Which would be the most and least dramatic? Rating scale: 3 = most powerful, 2 = moderately powerful, 1 = somewhat powerful, 0 = no emotional effect. Connect each mark with a colored pen when you are finished.

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<td>Cathy collapses in Heathcliff's arms.</td>
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<td>Hindley drops Hareton over the railing.</td>
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<td>Nelly finds Heathcliff, dead and sneering.</td>
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Remembrance

Cold in the earth—and the deep snow piled above thee,
Far, far removed, cold in the dreary grave!
Have I forgot, my only Love, to love thee,
Severed at last by Time’s all-severing wave?

Now, when alone, do my thoughts no longer hover
Over the mountains, on that northern shore,
Resting their wings where heath and fern leaves cover
Thy noble heart forever, ever more?

Cold in the earth—and fifteen wild Decembers,
From those brown hills, have melted into spring;
Faithful, indeed, is the spirit that remembers
After such years of change and suffering!

Sweet Love of youth, forgive, if I forget thee,
While the world’s tide is bearing me along;
Other desires and other hopes beset me,
Hopes which obscure, but cannot do thee wrong!

No later light has lightened up my heaven,
No second mom has ever shown for me;
All my life’s bliss from thy dear life was given,
All my life’s bliss is in the grave with thee.

But, when the days of golden dreams had perished,
And even Despair was powerless to destroy,
Then did I learn how existence could be cherished,
Strengthened, and fed without the aid of joy.

Then did I check the tears of useless passion—
Weaned my young soul from yearning after thine;
Sternly denied its burning wish to hasten
Down to that tomb already more than mine.

And, even yet, I dare not let it languish,
Dare not indulge in memory’s rapturous pain;
Once drinking deep of that divinest anguish,
How could I seek the empty world again?

1. Of the characters in Wuthering Heights, which one(s) might be the speaker(s)?

2. Who could be the subject of the poem?

3. What is “Time’s all-severing wave”?

4. Does the speaker really ever forget the person who is in the grave?

5. What “burning wish” has the speaker managed to control?

6. What “divinest anguish” still tempts the speaker?

7. Summarize the meaning of the poem in one sentence.
Directions: Young Cathy and Linton Heathcliff strike up a secret correspondence that continues until Nelly Dean finds the letters. The actual content of the letters is not revealed; we are simply told they are love letters. Below, write the first letter Cathy sent to Linton and his reply.

Thrushcross Grange
Summer, 1800

Dearest Linton,


Wuthering Heights
Summer, 1800

Dearest Cathy,
**Directions:** Some decisions made by characters in the novel are listed on the right. In the second column, list an alternate decision the character could have made. In the third column, write the probable results of the alternate decision.

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<td>Catherine decides to marry Edgar Linton.</td>
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<td>Isabella decides to elope with Heathcliff.</td>
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<td>Young Cathy decides to become friends with Hareton and teach him to read.</td>
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Directions: Work in a small group or with a partner. Spend a few minutes on each square, brainstorming the topic listed. Jot down ideas that come to mind, and star items you need to study more closely.

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I. Matching: Write the letter of each word next to its correct definition.

1. imitated  
2. large amount  
3. generous  
4. empty  
5. wisdom  
6. mentally imbalanced  
7. heretical  
8. one who is anti-social  
9. without money or property  
10. shouting  
11. imperious  
12. reprehensible  
13. beginning to appear  
14. apart  
15. hard-hearted

A. misanthropist  
B. vapid  
C. sagacity  
D. vociferating  
E. deranged  
F. munificent  
G. magisterial  
H. heterodox  
I. odious  
J. incipient  
K. copious  
L. asunder  
M. emulated  
N. destitute  
O. obdurate

II. Sentence Completion: Choose the letter of the word that belongs in the blank.

16. The teachers without _______ lost their jobs.  
A. impertinence  
B. avarice  
C. trepidation  
D. tenure

17. She was wearing a dress of soft _______.  
A. penetralium  
B. curate  
C. cambric  
D. filial

18. When Jennifer forgot her lines in the play, she was ________.  
A. salubrious  
B. churlish  
C. languid  
D. mortified

19. The fire ________ the plans for an addition to the house.  
A. obviated  
B. usurped  
C. dispatched  
D. abjured
20. The city council gave their _____ approval to the developers.
   A. dilatory    B. tacit    C. smiting    D. vigilant

21. He was overcome with a _____ of fear.
   A. interdict    B. paragon    C. bane    D. paroxysm

22. Her stepmother was the ______ of her existence.
   A. bane    B. elysium    C. epistle    D. execration

23. The ______ at the pep rally was deafening.
   A. immolation    B. avarice    C. appellation    D. clamour

24. "Please don’t make me babysit again!” ________ Lauren.
   A. reproved    B. disenchanted    C. importuned    D. deranged

25. Given two methods of getting the job done, Brad chose the most______.
   A. expedient    B. diabolical    C. sundry    D. lachrymose

III. In each group of words below, three have something in common. Choose the word that does not belong.

26. A. misanthropist    B. blackguard    C. bane    D. sexton

27. A. soliloquised    B. dissented    C. discomfited    D. reproached

28. A. consumption    B. dissipation    C. iteration    D. malignancy

29. A. diabolical    B. vindictive    C. enigmatic    D. odious

30. A. compunction    B. epistle    C. disquietude    D. scruple
Wuthering Heights
Comprehension Quiz
Chapters I-XII

Name__________________________

True-False: Indicate whether the statement is true or false. If it is false, rewrite it so that it is true.

1. The two estates in the novel are Wuthering Heights and Gateshead.
2. Hareton Earnshaw is Hindley's brother.
3. Catherine vows to haunt Heathcliff after she dies.
4. Isabella, Edgar, Heathcliff, and Catherine are all good friends.
5. Catherine and Edgar have been fairly happy since their marriage, in spite of Catherine's occasional depression.
6. Catherine decided to marry Edgar because she loves him more than she does Heathcliff.
7. In the three years he is gone, Heathcliff changes dramatically.
8. An example of Heathcliff's cruelty is that he kicks Isabella's favorite dog.
9. Catherine becomes delirious and refuses to eat after Edgar leaves.
10. The person who tells most of the story is Mr. Lockwood.

Quote Identification: After each quote, write the name of the person who said it.

11. "They may bury me twelve feet deep, and throw the church down over me, but I won't rest till you are with me. I never will!"
12. "Will you give up Heathcliff hereafter, or will you give up me?"
13. “I’m trying to settle how I shall pay Hindley back. I don’t care how long I wait, if I can only do it at last.”

14. “Proud people breed sad sorrows for themselves.”

15. “He shall have his share of my hand if I catch him downstairs again till dark.”

16. “Aw sud more likker look for th’ horse; it ‘ud be tuh more sense.”

17. “You are a dog in the manger, Cathy, and desire no one to be loved but yourself!”

Short Answer.

18. How has Hareton changed since Heathcliff returned?

19. How has Hindley changed since the death of Frances?

20. What did Heathcliff and Isabella do, and what reasons did each have?
Directions: *Wuthering Heights* is formed around a number of character-to-character relationships, some negative and some positive. At the left is a description of the interaction between two characters. Match each one with one of the character pairs listed on the right. (Note: Catherine Earnshaw is the older, Cathy Linton the younger.)

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<td>4. Their love for the same woman ends in broken hearts all around.</td>
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<td>5. She is now his sister in name only.</td>
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<td>6. He calls her his life and his soul.</td>
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<td>9. A devoted parent and a loving, if slightly willful, child.</td>
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<td>10. She is used by him for financial gain and soon realizes her mistake.</td>
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<td>12. One is so contemptuous of the other that he calls him “it.”</td>
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<td>13. They are happily married for a while.</td>
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<td>14. He calls her a witch.</td>
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Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each item.

15. Nelly first learns about Isabella's misery through

16. Heathcliff demands that Nelly arrange a meeting between himself and

17. At their last meeting, Heathcliff and Catherine
   A. quarrel bitterly.   C. forgive one another.
   B. vow to be together in the afterlife.   D. all of these

18. Catherine is buried
   A. with the Lintons.   C. with the Earnshaws.
   B. in a corner of the churchyard.   D. none of these

19. When Isabella escaped from Wuthering Heights, she went first to
   A. Thrushcross Grange.   C. London.

20. Linton Heathcliff finds little favor with his father because he
   A. is spiritless and self-pitying like his mother.
   B. has tuberculosis.
   C. constantly quotes the Bible.
   D. doesn’t get along with Hareton.
Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each item. (Note: Throughout this exam, "Catherine Earnshaw" is used to refer to the elder Catherine and "Cathy Linton" is used to refer to her daughter.)

1. The one character who is the catalyst for most of the action and emotion in the novel is
   A. Nelly Dean.   
   B. Heathcliff.  
   C. Lockwood.  
   D. Catherine Earnshaw.

2. All of the following details about Linton Heathcliff show him to be rather weak except
   A. his reaction to Cathy's push.  
   B. his behavior on the day he arrived.  
   C. his physical appearance.  
   D. his intellect.

3. *Wuthering Heights* is told from a(n)______ point of view by ________.
   A. omniscient; Nellie and Lockwood  
   B. third-person; Emily Brontë  
   C. first person; Nellie and Lockwood  
   D. third person omniscient; Emily Brontë

4. The structure of Brontë's novel is unique in that
   A. she begins in the present, then flashes back in time, then continues in the present tense.  
   B. she has divided it into an unusually large number of chapters.  
   C. it is rather long and slow in pace.  
   D. she uses a lot of imagery.

5. The primary conflict in the novel is between
   A. old and young.  
   B. literacy and illiteracy.  
   C. good and evil.  
   D. Wuthering Heights and Thrushcross Grange.
6. Emily Brontë’s choice of names to create a desired effect is evident in the case of
   A. Throttler, Gnasher and Wolf—Heathcliff’s dogs.
   B. Skulker, the watchdog.
   C. Fanny, Isabella’s lapdog.
   D. all of the above.

7. Heathcliff’s feelings toward his son could be best described as
   A. fondness and pride.           C. indifference and apathy.
   B. contempt and disgust.         D. resentment and anger.

8. Catherine Earnshaw was
   A. gentle and cooperative.       C. spirited and willful.
   B. usually able to get her way.  D. both B and C

9. Catherine and Hareton’s plan to replace a plot of blackcurrant trees with flowers represents
   A. a new beginning for their lives.  C. another failure.
   B. a shared interest in horticulture. D. a rebirth of evil intentions.

10. Although Joseph is a faithful church-goer and Bible-quoter, ironically he also
    A. is an atheist.                   C. is a traitor to the Earnshaws.
    B. gossips, criticizes, and makes trouble. D. speaks in a Yorkshire dialect.

11. Cathy’s and Linton’s contrasting ideas of “the pleasantest manner of spending a hot July day” show
    A. the use of symbolism for character development.
    B. that opposites attract.
    C. the many moods of Yorkshire weather.
    D. how Linton liked activity while Cathy preferred drowsy calm.
12. Heathcliff sought revenge through all of the following methods except
   A. marrying Isabella.          C. gambling with Hindley.
   B. visiting Catherine at the Grange. D. degrading Hareton.

13. In addition to loving Catherine, Heathcliff also cared about
   A. old Joseph.          C. Nelly Dean.
   B. Hareton.               D. Isabella.

14. Isabella’s letter to Nelly revealed she was
   A. a contented new wife.          C. desperately unhappy.

15. Despite Catherine’s illness, she _________ before she died.
   A. walked out on the moor to meet Heathcliff
   B. chased Edgar with a knife
   C. wrote a letter to Hindley
   D. gave birth to a child

16. As Edgar Linton approached death, he worried
   A. that he would not be buried near Catherine.
   B. about Cathy falling into the hands of Heathcliff.
   C. because Cathy was not the heir to Thrushcross Grange.
   D. that Linton would squander all the family’s assets.

17. Heathcliff was able to lure Nelly and Cathy into Wuthering Heights and hold them captive for five days because
   A. Edgar had died and could not come to their aid.
   B. Hareton used force on the two women.
   C. when Cathy’s pony became lame, she sought help at the Heights.
   D. Linton implored them to come because Heathcliff said Linton could not re-enter the house without Cathy.
18. Heathcliff revealed that he bribed the sexton to
A. have Edgar buried in a different plot than the one in which Catherine is buried.
B. move Catherine's coffin to a different location.
C. sell him a space next to Catherine.
D. strike one side of Catherine's coffin loose and do the same to his when he is buried beside her so that their ashes will mingle.

19. When Cathy made friends with ________, things began to look up for her.
A. Joseph  
B. Heathcliff  
C. Zillah  
D. Hareton

20. Heathcliff's body was found by
A. Zillah  
B. Hareton  
C. Joseph  
D. Nelly Dean

Quote Identification: In each group, choose the character on the right that matches the quote on the left.

21. "Why have I made him angry by taking your part, then, a hundred times?"
   A. Cathy Linton  
   B. Heathcliff  
   C. Hareton  
   D. Linton  
   E. Hindley  
   F. Nelly Dean  
   G. Catherine Earnshaw  
   H. Joseph  
   I. Isabella

22. "Disturbed her? No! She has disturbed me, night and day, through eighteen years—incessantly—remorselessly—"

23. "Catherine, Catherine, I'm a traitor too, and I dare not tell you! But leave me and I shall be killed!"

24. "Damn the hellish villain! He knocks at the door as if he were master here already!"
25. “You’d better seek shelter somewhere else tonight! Mr. Earnshaw has a mind to shoot you if you persist in endeavouring to enter!”

26. “I wish I could hold you till we were both dead!”

27. “If he loved with all the powers of his puny being, he couldn’t love as much in eighty years as I could in a day!”

28. “Poor lad! —he’s witched, Aw’m sartin on ’t! O Lord, judge ‘em, fur they’s norther law nur justice amang wer rullers!”

29. “I know why Hareton never speaks when I am in the kitchen. He is afraid I shall laugh at him.”

30. “I shall envy no one on their wedding day: there won’t be a happier woman than myself in England!”

True-False:

31. Heathcliff was interested in Isabella only because she was Edgar’s heir.

32. Brontë sometimes used the weather to indicate the mood of the novel.

33. Hindley could not attend Catherine’s funeral because he was already near death himself.

34. Heathcliff had nothing to do with Linton’s letters to Edgar.

35. Linton was not afraid of his father and often spoke rudely to him.

36. Linton helped Cathy escape from Wuthering Heights.

37. Nelly Dean was engaged to be married at the end of the novel.

38. Heathcliff kept the half of Cathy’s locket that held her mother’s picture.

40. Lockwood tried to get his rent money back from Heathcliff since he was not going to be there for half the term of the lease.

**Matching:** Match the character on the right with the action on the left.

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<td>42. Was a playmate and later a servant at Wuthering Heights and at Thrushcross.</td>
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<td>43. Was patient with his wife's gloomy moods until he saw her obvious delight at the return of his old enemy.</td>
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<td>44. Nearly lost his life when his father dropped him from a second-floor railing.</td>
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<td>45. His illness, weakness, and self-pity all came from a lack of self-esteem.</td>
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<td>46. Died of fever, starvation, and possibly of a broken heart.</td>
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<td>47. Hated being displaced in his father's affections by an orphan, and did all he could to pay back the interloper.</td>
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<td>48. Her infatuation with Heathcliff brought her nothing but misery.</td>
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<td>49. His primary purpose in life was to get revenge.</td>
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<td>50. Had her mother's willfulness and dark eyes, her father's more gentle temperament and fair hair.</td>
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I. **Critical Thinking**: Choose two of the topics below. Write a well-developed essay for each. Be sure to include specific examples and details from the novel. Indicate the topics on which you decide to write.

A. The structure of *Wuthering Heights* is very different from other novels written during this period. Explain the differences, and how the author managed to tell the story using several different narrators.

B. Choose an answer to the following question, and write an essay defending your choice: The primary theme of *Wuthering Heights* is
   - (a) social imprisonment versus spiritual freedom
   - (b) good versus evil
   - (c) impermanence of self; permanence of something larger
   - (d) revenge destroys the avenger

C. Choose a pair of characters from the list below. Write a comparison/contrast essay about them.
   - (a) Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff
   - (b) Edgar Linton and Heathcliff
   - (c) Isabella Linton and Catherine Earnshaw
   - (d) Catherine Earnshaw and her daughter

II. **Creative Writing**: Choose one of the topics below.

D. Write a poem about one of the characters in the novel.

E. Write an obituary notice for Heathcliff.

F. Write a letter of condolence to Hareton about Heathcliff's death.

G. Write a story about a walk you take one rainy evening out on the moor near the churchyard.

H. Write a letter of congratulations to Hareton and Cathy after their wedding.
Note: Since many of the activities are designed to promote critical and creative thinking, individual responses will vary and no answers are given for those marked “Answers will vary.”

Activity #1: Answers will vary.
Activity #2: Answers will vary. Check for participation by all group members.
Activity #3: 1. equanimity; 2. dissipation; 3. blackguard; 4. compunction; 5. scruple; 6. paroxysm; 7. avarice; 8. deranged; 9. dilatory; 10. sovereign; 11. prognosticate; 12. propitiate; 13. protract; 14. munificent; 15. consumption

Activity #4:
Activity #5: Answers will vary. Sample: Mortified, she wept copious tears as she watched the immolation of the epistles from her secret lover.

Activity #6: Answers will vary. Sample, #1: "...the hollowness around them transforming to gaunt madness the peaceful expression they once wore."

Activity #7: 1. destitute; 2. adroitly; 3. fortnight; 4. bane; 5. vigilance; 6. smiting; 7. retaliate; 8. condescend; 9. monomania; 10. obdurate; 11. paragon; 12. reproved; 13. disenchanted

Activity #8: Answers will vary, however Thrushcross Grange is stately and conventional, inhabited by refined people who behave properly. It is in the valley, protected from the weather. Wuthering Heights is run down and inhabited by strange folk with strange activities; up in the hills, it is exposed to the "wuthering" winds. Both are English homes for the privileged class; both have servants, stables, and farm laborers. Both are in remote settings, close to the moor.

Activity #9: Mr. Linton and Mrs. Linton both died in 1780; Mr. Earnshaw died in 1777, Mrs. Earnshaw in 1773. Heathcliff's date of birth is uncertain (approximately 1764); he died in 1802. Isabella was born in 1765 and died in 1797. Edgar was born in 1762, died in 1801. Catherine Earnshaw was born in 1765, died in 1784. Hindley was born in 1757, died in 1784. Frances, whose birth date is unknown, died in 1778. Linton, born in 1784, died in 1801. Catherine Linton was born in 1784, and Hareton in 1778.

Activity #10: Students' answers will vary somewhat but should give a good representation of the feelings between the various characters and Heathcliff. He uses Isabella, Linton, Young Cathy, and Hareton in his revenge scheme against Hindley and Edgar, whom he despises. Nelly is also a tool in his game, although he does confide in her and tolerate her. Catherine, of course, he loves obsessively and the feeling is mutual. Of the other characters mentioned, only Hareton seems to care at all about Heathcliff. The rest hate him—although Nelly does have some pity for him.

Activity #11: Students may not have the same events listed, but they should list those that led to the realization of Heathcliff's revenge plans.

Activity #12: Answers will vary and should be discussed.

Activity #13: Answers will vary.

Activity #14: 1. Heathcliff or Edgar after Catherine's death, or Hindley after Frances' death. 2. Catherine or Frances 3. death 4. no 5. the wish to be dead also 6. being dead and with the loved one 7. Although the loved one has been dead fifteen years, the speaker has not forgotten and still often wishes for the release from mourning that death would bring.

Activity #15: Answers will vary.

Activity #16: Answers will vary.

Activity #17: Answers will vary. Check to be sure charts are being completed.
Study Guide Answers

Chapters I-VI

1. ominous, dark, confusing; the wind, horses in the stables, Joseph yelling, dogs barking
2. He appears to be a gentleman but Lockwood feels he may not be. No.
4. the phrase regarding the “odd notion” Heathcliff had about the bedchamber
5. He reads the diaries and notes of Catherine Earnshaw. Later a Cathy Linton appears in his dream, clawing at the window to be let in from the cold.
6. He calls for Cathy to come in.
7. Nelly Dean, Lockwood’s housekeeper, takes over as narrator.
8. A foundling, Heathcliff was a favorite of old Mr. Earnshaw, and this did not set well with Hindley, the real son.
9. She is rather wild and willful, very emotional, but also quite lovable.
10. He detests him.
11. He detests Hindley.
12. Hindley returns to take charge of things, and is very cruel in his treatment of Heathcliff.
13. They consider Cathy a victim of both Heathcliff’s evil influence and her brother’s neglect. They keep Cathy at Thrushcross but send Heathcliff away as if he is some kind of villain.

Chapters VII-XII

14. She returns a refined young lady.
15. She makes fun of his slovenly appearance. He is hurt.
16. She explains that she is very well-read.
17. He turns to drinking and gambling and acts half crazy; he takes no joy in fatherhood.
18. Heathcliff. He realizes if he had let Hareton die, Hindley would have been ruined by the guilt he would bear and Heathcliff’s plan for revenge would have been realized with little effort.
19. whether to marry Edgar Linton
20. Catherine imagines she would then have the means to help Heathcliff complete his education and become a gentleman.
21. no
22. Her love for Edgar is changeable like foliage; her love for Heathcliff is like the rocks.
23. While Catherine waits futilely for him to return, she catches a chill. While recuperating at the Grange, she infects Mr. and Mrs. Linton, who die.
24. Edgar sees Catherine’s extreme affection for him and is jealous.
25. Heathcliff has taught Hareton to swear and to call Hindley “devil Daddy.”
26. He is trying to get Hindley's fortune through gambling.
27. Nelly finds her hung by a handkerchief, saving her just in time.
28. She has decided she's angry at both of them, and that she will break their hearts by breaking her own. She becomes ill.

Chapters XIII-XVIII
29. She is ignored, berated.
30. The information Nelly relates came to her in the form of a letter from Isabella, which is quoted in full.
31. Edgar couldn't love her as much in 80 years as he can in one day.
32. Her property became his upon their marriage, and she is the heir to Thrushcross.
33. She claims she will haunt Heathcliff until he joins her in death.
34. Answers will vary.
35. to replace Isabella as the heir to Thrushcross
36. He is devastated, crashes his head against a tree and howls like a beast.
37. The change back to cold and damp weather seems to parallel the grief felt for the loss of Catherine.
38. Crazy, alcoholic, and now no longer in possession of his property, Hindley dies.
39. Heathcliff is planning to make Hareton as crude as he himself is.
40. Isabella escapes, stops at Thrushcross, and talks with Nelly.
41. to London, where she has a son and then dies 12 years later
42. She has her mother's personality to some extent, but it is softened by her father's mild temper. Her eyes are like her mother's, but her hair is fair like her father's.
43. She rides her pony off Grange property and arrives at the Heights, where Hareton takes her on a tour. She finds it hard to believe he's her cousin.

Chapters XIX-XXIV
44. He looks like Edgar, pale and weak, and is something like Edgar was when he was younger, i.e. spoiled and whiny. But even Edgar wasn't as bad as Linton, and Edgar has shown himself to be a decent person since his youth.
45. Through Linton, Heathcliff will control Thrushcross Grange.
46. four years
47. Heathcliff has degraded Hareton and made him into a brute. In spite of this, they have a fondness for one another.
48. Cathy and Linton are secretly sending love letters.
49. She is lovesick and depressed.
50. Linton, according to Heathcliff, is beside himself with sorrow and is likely to die of a broken heart.
51. Answers will vary. Cathy is very tolerant of Linton, in spite of his peevish manner.
52. While Nelly and her father are ill, Cathy rides her pony over to the Heights.
53. He explains how unworthy he feels. His lack of self-esteem makes it impossible for him to be loving toward anyone else.

54. Edgar agrees to allow Linton to come to the Grange, but Heathcliff will not allow this, so it is agreed the two young people can meet on the moor between the two places, with Nelly as chaperone.

Chapters XXV-XXIX

55. He is very ill and knows he is dying.

56. that he is in good health and a much more responsible and caring person than he really is

57. Edgar realizes it is the only way for Cathy to remain at Thrushcross.

58. Heathcliff is engineering the meeting between the two. It’s important that Linton appear to be strong so that Edgar won’t object to Cathy marrying him.

59. He lures Nelly and Cathy to Wuthering Heights, where they are trapped by Heathcliff.

60. marry Linton

61. She does not know if her father is alive or dead.

62. He is the one who helps Cathy escape in time to say goodbye to her dying father.

63. Linton is not old enough to have title to property, so his father controls it.

64. Uncover Catherine’s coffin and take off one side of it.

65. Take off the facing side of his coffin and bury him next to Catherine so their dust can mingle.

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66. He signed everything, including all of Cathy’s possessions, over to Heathcliff.

67. She is bitter and very sad. She has lost her father, Nelly is no longer with her, she is destitute, and she is forced to work like a servant for a man she detests.

68. He can’t read, and his attempts are amusing to her.

69. eight months

70. There is a splendid moon, the gates and doors at Wuthering Heights are open; there is a friendlier mood about the place now.

71. He became more cruel and heartless than ever, resorting to physical violence against Cathy, who refuses to bend completely to his will. Hareton, however, has learned to read and is trying to look more presentable.

72. He seemed to know he was going to die soon, and felt that Catherine was waiting for him.

73. Heathcliff became obsessed with joining Catherine in death, and decided to quit eating and let himself die, just as Catherine did.

74. Answers will vary. One might say that Heathcliff’s hatred destroyed many people, himself included. On the other hand, the love between Cathy and Hareton seems to absolve past enmity. Even Heathcliff is content to let them be and has no more desire for revenge.
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Unit Exam, Level I


Unit Exam, Level II

I. A. Should include: present-past-present structure, different narrators and methods, and the novel's "shocking" themes (for their time).
    B. Any answer may be chosen; all are defensible.
    C. Answers will vary with choice of characters.

II. One creative topic should be chosen.