

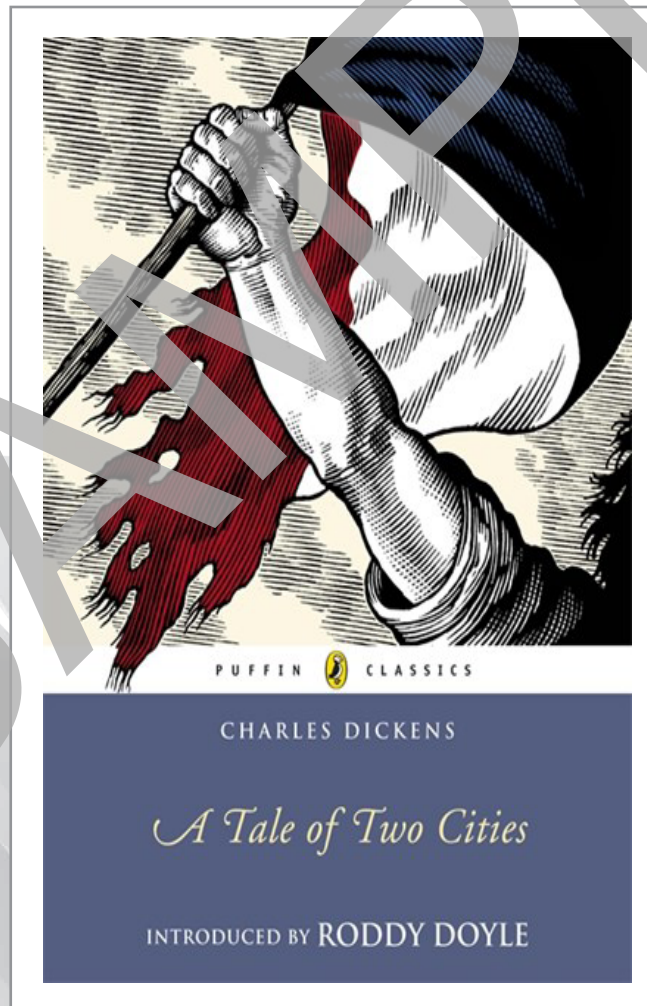


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**GRADES 9-12**

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**READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT**

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Activity #4: Vocabulary  
Book the Second: Chapters 11-24

gallantry 142  
degradation 154  
docile 180  
turnkey 217

incorrigible 143  
urchin 156  
consecrated 188  
impassive 219

magnanimous 144  
dubious 166  
sagacity 197  
exultant 219

morose 152  
repast 168  
fidelity 205

**Directions:** Divide the words in the list above with two other students, so that each of you is responsible for five words. Make word maps for your words following the format below. (Use the back of your paper to draw the other maps.) When you have all finished your maps, share them with each other.

Synonyms:

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Pronunciation Guide:

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**Answer each question briefly but completely.**

### **Book the First**

#### **Chapter One**

1. Who are "the Woodman" and "the Farmer"?
2. What do you think the "certain movable framework" is?

#### **Chapter Two**

3. What is the mood of this chapter?
4. What do you think the phrase "recalled to life" means?

#### **Chapter Three**

5. Does the author feel humans trust one another?
6. Describe Jerry Cruncher.
7. What could "buried alive for 18 years" mean besides the literal and impossible?

#### **Chapter Four**

8. Explain what happened to Lucie when she was a small child.
9. Who is Miss Pross?

#### **Chapter Five**

10. What symbolic meaning is there in the spilled wine?
11. What is the Jacquerie?
12. In what activity is Mme. Defarge constantly engaged?

#### **Chapter Six**

13. What is Lucie's reaction to her father?
14. Does Dr. Manette want to be recalled to life?

### **Book the Second**

#### **Chapter One**

1. Describe Tellson's Bank.
2. What job did Jerry perform for the bank?
3. What did Jerry object to his wife doing?

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Activity #7: Characterization, page 2  
Distribute Before Reading

Character	Physical Description	Wants Most:	Good or Evil?	Memorable Quote
<i>Madame Defarge</i>				
<i>Sydney Carton</i>				
<i>Charles Darnay</i>				
<i>John Barsad</i>				
<i>Miss Pross</i>				

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Just as we make decisions that affect our lives, characters in novels make decisions that result in complications and conflicts which carry the story forward. At the end of Book the Second, Charles Darnay decides he must go to France to help Gabelle...but what if Charles had decided to ignore Gabelle's pleas, and had stayed home in England with his family? Next to each character below, indicate how this alternate decision would probably have affected the character. The first one is done as an example.

1. Dr. Manette: *would never have been able to come to terms with his former imprisonment; might not have realized that things had gotten out of hand in France and probably would have remained in sympathy with the revolutionaries.*
2. Miss Pross:
3. Lucie:
4. Sydney Carton:
5. Jarvis Lorry:
6. Jerry Cruncher:
7. Madame Defarge: