

# Year 8 Great Expectations

Sticky Knowledge New Terminology and Vocabulary	Sticky Knowledge	Reading Suggestions	KS2
<p><b>Bildungsroman</b> - a coming of age story- a novel dealing with one person's formative years or spiritual education</p> <p><b>Caricature</b> – a picture, description, or imitation of a person in which certain striking characteristics are exaggerated in order to create a comic or grotesque effect</p> <p><b>Grotesque</b> - comically or repulsively ugly or distorted</p> <p><b>Irony</b> - the expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic effect</p> <p><b>Melodrama</b> – a sensational dramatic piece with exaggerated characters and exciting events intended to appeal to the emotions</p> <p><b>Pathos</b>-is an appeal to emotion, and is a way of convincing an audience of an argument by creating an emotional response</p> <p><b>Retrospective</b> - looking back on or dealing with past events or situations</p> <p><b>Serialised</b> - publish or broadcast (a story or play) in regular instalments</p> <p><b>The Victorian Novel</b></p> <p>The novel was in its early days during the Victorian period. In its early days, it followed the Romanticism movement and focused on the individual and his /her position in the world. We'd see this in novels where the protagonist's thoughts and feelings were more important than his /her actions. Gothic elements became more apparent in novels as writer's explored nature more.</p> <p>Towards the end of the Victorian age, the novel focused on realism.</p>	<p><b>Key Facts - Charles Dickens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Dickens had an unconventional childhood where he had experienced working in a factory and a debtor's prison because of his father's debts.</i></li> <li><i>Dickens originally wanted to be an actor but he failed. You can see some theatrical elements of his story-telling.</i></li> <li><i>Dickens started writing as a political journalist.</i></li> <li><i>Family was important to Dickens and he had ten children.</i></li> <li><i>His writing made him rich, but his family asked often to borrow money from him.</i></li> <li><i>Dickens published his stories in newspapers so poorer people could read them. All the rich could afford books.</i></li> <li><i>Dickens would often use parts of his life as inspiration for his stories.</i></li> <li><i>Dickens was interested in the paranormal.</i></li> <li><i>Dickens was very political in his writing and saw it his duty to highlight and address injustices in society.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Features of Dickens' writing style</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exaggeration</li> <li>Theme of death</li> <li>Personification</li> <li>Long sentences</li> <li>Ghostly things</li> <li>Repetition</li> <li>Similes</li> <li>Lists</li> <li>Sense</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Red Room</b></p> <p><b>Non-fiction articles from 19<sup>th</sup> century</b></p>	<p>Securing knowledge of inference and linking inferences to a writer's choices</p> <p>Developing knowledge of fiction gained from KS2</p>
		<p><b>Local Context</b></p> <p>Victorian workhouses</p> <p>Victorian lace making factory</p> <p>Industrial revolution</p>	<p><b>Cultural Capital</b></p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> century social, historical and cultural setting- ambition, social class and problems, church and religion and family</p>
<p>Nice to know ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19<sup>th</sup> century literary traditions- The 'Silver Fork' novel, The 'Newgate' novel, The 'Gothic' novel, The 'Romantic' novel and The 'Social-purpose' novel</li> <li>Great Expectations had to fill ten columns of All Year Round each week, for 36 weeks. Dickens' writing therefore 'filled space', included lots of repetition and long lists</li> <li>Dickens was famous for his exaggeration in his writing and critics linked this to his love of the stage</li> </ul>		<p><b>Links to other subjects</b></p> <p>History – Victorian England</p>	<p><b>Deeper Thinking</b></p> <p>If Pip had not received his 'great expectations' how would his life have been different?</p>

