

The Altered Book Essay Project for *Great Expectations*

Task: Write an extensive essay that illustrates an important theme from Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations* using details from the book and your artistic renderings to support your statement.

- Minimum of 6 paragraphs
- Typed, double-spaced
- Must include quotes
- Must demonstrate how your renderings support your theme statement (Ex. I used mossy green paint on my 3rd rendering to symbolize the marshes and Pip's return to his roots.
- Must use details from text
- Renderings must support theme statement

Sample Theme statement: The unconditional love of a "true" parent can save a child's life.

1. Introduction
 - a. Parenting (Universal & Historical)
 - b. Parents in Dickens' novels
 - c. Parents' effect on children: bad & good
 - d. Thesis: The unconditional love of a "true" parent can save a child's life.
2. Body 1 Jacket
 - a. Introduce the various parenting figures in the novel.
 - b. What is the job of a parent?
 - c. Social Class, Money, Time
 - d. Parenting style
 - i. by hand
 - ii. flipping Pip upside down
 - iii. love
 - iv. money
 - e. Art: Collage
 - i. Different textures = different parenting styles
 - ii. Symbolism of wedding dress, clock, and forge hammer
 - iii. Names of various parental figures from the text
3. Body 2 Rendering One
 - a. The drawbacks and advantages of "physical" parenting
 - i. Mrs. Joe and Tickler
 - ii. self confidence (Pip cries at Satis House)
 - b. Magwitch on the marshes
 - i. physical nature of convict
 - ii. flipping Pip upside down

- c. Art: water color
 - i. Dark imagery signifies the darkness of Mrs. Joe's discipline style
 - ii. Tickler is 3D to show its prominence
 - iii. The one printed word on the page is in childish print
- 4. Body 3 Rendering Two
 - a. Psychological Parenting
 - i. Selfish and Manipulative
 - 1. Miss Havisham and Estella
 - 2. "Love her!"
 - 3. "You have made me."
 - ii. Selfless and Loving
 - 1. Wemmick and the Aged
 - 2. the cannon
 - 3. the newspaper
 - iii. Art: Gel picture
 - 1. create shadowy appearance of Miss Havisham
 - 2. one bright spot shows Wemmick's love for the Aged
- 5. Body 4 Rendering Three
 - a. The Love of a True Parent
 - i. Magwitch
 - 1. sacrifices for Pip
 - 2. sacrifices for Estella
 - ii. Joe
 - 1. always loyal
 - a. shoulders in the marshes
 - b. visits Pip
 - 2. always loving
 - a. nurses Pip
 - b. pays Pip's debts
 - c. names his son Pip
 - 3. Art:
 - a. Mossy green paint symbolizes the marshes and home
 - b. weaving symbolizes the weaving together of the different aspects of Pip's life
 - c. clocks show Joe's love over time
 - d. tags list examples of Joe's love
- 6. Conclusion