



The Hunchback of Notre-Dame



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What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



Have you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions about your day at the dinner table? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are

designed to help you look at the people, places, and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. Why is Pierre so angry at the people watching his play? Have you ever been interrupted while you were trying to do something important? How did you react?

2. How does Quasimodo react when the students begin to tease him? Has anyone ever made fun of you? What did you do?

3. How does Pierre try to prove that he's a tramp? Did you think he would succeed? What is the hardest thing you've ever tried to do?

4. Claude Frollo says that he wanted to be a priest ever since he was a little boy. What do you want to be when you grow up?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

5. Why does Quasimodo look up to Claude Frolo as he does? Do you think this is wise? Who is your role model?

6. Why does Quasimodo rescue Esmeralda? Have you ever helped someone who couldn't help him or herself?

7. How does Pacquette react when she hears Eustache's voice? Do you think she is right to blame Esmeralda for her problems?

8. What does Esmeralda promise her gypsy parents? Why does she decide to break her promise? Have you ever broken a promise to someone?

9. Why doesn't Pierre want to help Esmeralda avoid the stocks? Do you think he is right to worry? Have you ever been punished for something you didn't do?

10. What do you think happens to Quasimodo? Where would you go if you had to get away from everyone?

