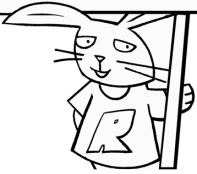


Charles Dickens



Name: _____

Date: _____

Answer each of the following questions with well-written detailed sentences.

1. Charles' father was imprisoned for debt. Explain in your own words the meaning of 'debt'.

2. How was Charles' later education paid for?

3. Would you have been able to buy the final instalment of 'The Pickwick Papers' in 1836? Explain your answer.

4. Charles Dickens was very good at shorthand. Explain what this is and how it helped him. You might need to look this up in a book or on the internet.

5. How are Charles Dickens' stories still enjoyed today even by those who have not read them?

6. One of Dickens' stories was set in Paris and London. Explain how you know which story this is.

Notes for teachers

The second question should demonstrate that the pupils have realised that the book was not completed in 1836. The author has simply said that the first episode was available in that year. When answering the third question pupils should find out that shorthand is a system of symbols that represent words so that people can quickly write things down word for word. This is a good group discussion point.