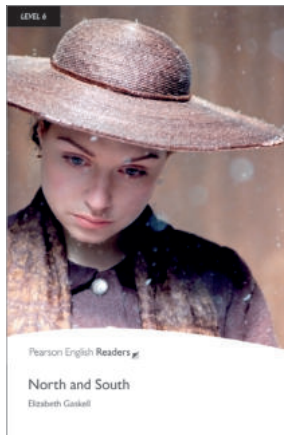


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Elizabeth Gaskell



About the author

Elizabeth Gaskell (1810–1865) is best known for her novels depicting scenes of English country life which also often highlight the huge social divide between rich and poor.

Born in Chelsea in 1810, Elizabeth Gaskell was the daughter of William Stevenson, a civil servant and former Unitarian minister. She spent most of her childhood, however, under the guardianship of an aunt who lived in Knutsford in Cheshire, a small country town near Manchester. Apart from a couple of years spent at school in Stratford-upon-Avon, she lived with various relatives in the north of England until her marriage in 1832 to the Reverend William Gaskell, who was to become the famous minister of the Unitarian Chapel in Manchester's Cross Street. Their marriage was largely very happy, producing four daughters and a son. However, the son died in infancy and it is thought that her first success, *Mary Barton*, was written in an attempt to relieve her sadness.

Following the success of *Mary Barton* Charles Dickens invited Mrs Gaskell to contribute to his periodical *Household Words*, for which she wrote fiction for thirteen years.

She had many friends, and she was especially close to Charlotte Brontë, corresponding with her regularly after their first meeting in 1850. After Brontë's death in 1855 Elizabeth Gaskell wrote the celebrated biography, *The Life of Charlotte Brontë* (1857).

Her full length novels are *Cranford* (1853), *Ruth* (1853), *North and South* (1855), *Sylvia's Lovers* (1863) and the novella *Cousin Phillis* (1864). Her final novel, *Wives and Daughters* (1866) was left unfinished when she died suddenly of heart failure in November 1865.

Gaskell led a very busy family and social life and was engaged in many works of charity with her husband. Compared to her friends Charles Dickens and Charlotte Brontë, Elizabeth Gaskell may not be remembered as much as they are, yet she is one of the most highly-regarded British Victorian novelists.

Summary

This story tells of the relationship between Margaret Hale, a young middle class woman from the south, and John Thornton, a mill owner in Milton, a fictional industrial town in the north (the town is modelled on Manchester). It also deals with the relationship of workers and masters.

Chapter 1: Margaret is at her Aunt Shaw's house in London where she has been living for ten years. Her cousin Edith will soon marry Captain Lennox and live in Greece after the wedding. After ten years of London life, Margaret will go back to the quiet country vicarage where her parents live. Mr Henry Lennox, the Captain's brother, is interested in Margaret.

Chapter 2: Margaret returns home to Helstone. Things are not as pleasant as they used to be. Henry Lennox visits and confesses his love for Margaret, but she refuses him. Mr Hale is a lowly clergyman in the Church of England and has serious doubts about the authority of the Church. He decides to resign his position and move the family to Milton-Northern, an industrial town in the north of England. Dixon, the family's servant, goes with them.

Chapter 3: Mr Hale's friend, Mr Bell, who is an academic in Oxford and owns properties in Milton, his hometown, helps Mr Hale and Margaret find a suitable house in Milton-Northern. Margaret meets Mr Thornton for the first time. He is a manufacturer and runs a mill in Milton. He is Mr Bell's tenant and becomes a friend and student of Mr Hale's. Mr Hale starts to earn a living as a private tutor, and their new life begins. Margaret meets a factory worker, Nicholas Higgins and his daughter Bessy.

Chapter 4: Mr Thornton comes to the Hales' house for tea. Margaret is so graceful that he can't take his eyes off her. Mr Hale and Mr Thornton discuss the relationship between the mill owners and the workers. Margaret and Mr Thornton talk about the differences between the north and south as well as between middle-class people and people in trade. Margaret goes to Bessy's house and learns that her illness is caused by unhealthy working conditions. Mrs Hale is also becoming more and

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more unwell. She tells Margaret that Frederick lives in Spain. Frederick is Margaret's brother, who cannot live in England since he is wanted by the police because he had taken part in a mutiny.

Chapter 5: Mrs Thornton, Mr Thornton's mother, and Fanny, his sister, visit the Hales, and Mr Hale and Margaret visit the Thorntons in return. Mr Hale and Mr Thornton discuss the strike, which is about to begin. Mr Thornton plans to bring in workers from Ireland if the strike goes on too long. Margaret visits Bessy and talks about the strike as well.

Chapter 6: The doctor tells Margaret the truth about Mrs Hale's very serious illness from which she is likely to die soon, and she and her mother get closer than ever. Margaret hides the truth from her father as she thinks he cannot handle it. Margaret visits Bessy, and learns that John Boucher, one of the strikers, has suddenly died and his family is suffering. Later that week Mrs Hale's condition deteriorates, and Mr Hale learns the truth. The doctor suggests the Hales could borrow a water-bed from the Thornton as it might help Mrs Hale.

Chapter 7: Margaret goes to the Thorntons to ask for a water-bed, but she arrived there at a bad time. The strikers are angry with Mr Thornton, who brought in workers from Ireland, and a riot starts. Margaret gets hurt, trying to save Mr Thornton. Mr Thornton visits her the next day and expresses his feelings for her and proposes marriage. Margaret refuses him bluntly, but he realises that nothing can stop him from loving her.

Chapter 8: Mrs Hale wishes to see Frederick before she dies. Margaret writes to Frederick, informing him of her mother's wish. Mr Thornton learns from the doctor about Mrs Hale's condition, and he brings her a basket of the finest fruit. Margaret gets the news of Bessy's death and suggests to Nicholas that he talk with her father. She also asks Nicholas to go to Mr Thornton to try and get a job in his mill. Mr Thornton comes to bring fruit to Mrs Hale again, but he is very cold towards Margaret. His bad behaviour makes Margaret think about him more than ever before.

Chapter 9: When Mrs Thornton visits Mrs Hale, Mrs Hale asks her to be Margaret's friend. Frederick returns just in time to see Mrs Hale, but shortly after he sees her she dies. He has to leave before the funeral as he is in great danger of being caught by the police. Margaret goes to the station to see him off at night. Mr Thornton

sees them near the station, and he thinks the man with Margaret may be her lover. At the station a man called Leonards recognises Frederick and tries to catch him, and Frederick pushes him away. He falls off the platform. Frederick sets off to London to see Henry Lennox, who is a lawyer, about finding witnesses to support him in a court case about his part in the mutiny.

Chapter 10: The police inspector comes to see Margaret because Leonards has died after a fall at the station. Someone has seen her there. Margaret denies this, fearing that Frederick may be exposed. The police inspector asks Mr Thornton for his advice since he is the magistrate who had seen Leonards that night. He makes the decision not to hold an inquest so that Margaret will be protected from being shamed in public. But he wonders why she has lied about being at the station and who the young man is. Realising what Mr Thornton has done for her, Margaret starts thinking about her feelings towards him.

Chapter 11: Mrs Thornton visits Margaret to keep her promise to her mother. She admonishes Margaret not for telling a lie but for walking with a gentleman in the evening. Margaret feels insulted. Later she examines her own feelings and realises she loves Mr Thornton, but she thinks it's too late as he no longer loves her. Meanwhile Mr Thornton visits Nicholas Higgins to offer him work despite the fact that he took part in the strike. Margaret is impressed by this but tries hard to pretend that she doesn't care about him, not realising he still cares about her. Mr Bell suspects something is going on between Mr Thornton and Margaret.

Chapter 12: Letters from Frederick tell Margaret that Henry Lennox cannot help him find the witnesses for the truth about the mutiny. Now he can never return to England, but he's happily married to a girl in Spain. Mr Hale starts to have difficulty in breathing, and Mr Bell invites him to Oxford. Mr Hale dies there. Mrs Shaw comes to Milton to take Margaret to London. Devastated Margaret says goodbye to people in Milton. Mr Thornton is still in love with her, but he lets her go.

Chapter 13: Her new life in London is boring for Margaret. Mr Bell suffers a heart attack and dies before Margaret can get to Oxford to see him. As Mr Bell has told Mr Hale before he dies, Margaret inherits Mr Bell's money and possessions. Henry Lennox becomes her legal adviser, and it seems they are starting to grow closer to each other.

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Chapter 14: In Milton, Mr Thornton finally learns the truth about why Margaret has lied. Unfortunately his financial troubles have become very serious. He comes to London to see Henry to discuss business matters as he can no longer continue paying rent for the mill. Margaret, as his new landlady, offers to lend him money as a business proposition so that he won't have to close down the mill. Realising her love for him, Mr Thornton proposes to her again and she accepts. They are together at last.

Background and themes

North and South was first published in Dickens's *Household Words* in twenty-two weekly parts from September 1854 through to January 1855. Later Gaskell inserted various short passages and added several new chapters. Two television serials based on the book were produced by the BBC in 1975 and 2004. The 2004 version, starring Daniela Denby-Ashe as Margaret Hale and Richard Armitage as John Thornton, received positive audience reception. It is available on DVD.

Social divide: The title of the book *North and South* indicates the contrast between the way of life in the industrial north of England and the wealthier south, and between the two main characters – Margaret Hale, a well-educated young woman from a southern middle-class family, and John Thornton, a formerly poverty stricken cotton manufacturer from the new industrial north. A major theme of the book is the need for social reform and for better understanding between both employers and workers and between the rich and the poor.

Religious doubt: Margaret's father, Mr Hale has a crisis of faith, and this is the reason why the Hale family moves to a factory town in the north from a pastoral village in the south. As a matter of fact, Gaskell's father was a Unitarian minister near Manchester, but resigned his orders on conscientious grounds, and moved with his family to London.

Discussion activities

Chapters 1–2

Before reading

- 1 **Discuss:** Talk about the book cover. Have students look at the front cover of the book and answer the following questions: *How old do you think she is? What's she wearing? What do you think she does every day? Is it snowing?*

- 2 **Discuss and write:** Put students into small groups. Have them look at the Contents page. Tell them to read the chapter titles and try to create a love story that fits the title. Ask them to write one or two sentences for each chapter title. Later in class, ask groups to read out their story.
- 3 **Get ready:** Bring in a map of Europe and England. Have students look for the following places: the Greek island of Corfu, London, Helstone, Manchester, Oxford and Cromer. Tell students that Milton in the story is modelled on Manchester. Have them discuss how people travelled in the mid-nineteenth century.

After reading

- 4 **Discuss:** Ask students to answer the following questions: (a) *How old is Margaret?* (b) *Where is Edith going after the wedding?* (c) *Describe Margaret and Edith. How different are they?* (d) *Describe Captain Lennox and Mr Henry Lennox. How different are they?* (e) *What is Helstone like?*
- 5 **Role play:** Put students into pairs. Have them act out the scene in which Edith and Margaret talk about Edith's future life on the Greek island of Corfu.
Student A: You are Edith. You are very excited about living in Corfu. You want Margaret to visit you some time.
Student B: You are Margaret. You are happy for Edith, but you'll miss her very much. You wish you could visit her, but you probably can't afford it. You promise to write to her regularly.
- 6 **Discuss:** Ask students the following questions: (a) *What are the differences between life in London and life in Helstone?* (b) *Margaret realised something was not right when she returned home. What was wrong?* (c) *Why did Margaret forget the small, less pleasant details?* (d) *Why can't Margaret talk about Frederick?* (e) *Why did Margaret refuse Mr Henry Lennox?* (f) *Why does Margaret have to move to Milton?*
- 7 **Discuss:** Hold a whole-class discussion by asking the following questions: *Do you like Margaret? What do you think of her opinion about people in trade? What do you think of her reaction to Mr Henry Lennox?*

Chapters 3–4

Before reading

- 8 **Retell:** Put students into small groups. Have them take turns to talk about what has happened in the story so far. Later in class, ask students to give a short summary.

After reading

- 9 **Discuss:** Have students work in small groups to discuss the following question: *Margaret is wondering what her life would have been like if she had agreed to marry Henry Lennox. What is your opinion?*

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- 10 Write:** Get students to write the story of Mr Thornton's childhood as if a third person is telling you.
- 11 Read carefully:** Put students in pairs to go over the first two meetings of Margaret and Mr Thornton. *What were their impressions? What did they think about the other person?*
- 12 Discuss:** Talk about mothers. In small groups, have students talk about Mrs Hale and Mrs Thornton. Ask them the following questions: *Do you like Mrs Hale? Do you like Mrs Thornton? Why/Why not? What are they like?*

Chapters 5–6

Before reading

- 13 Discuss:** Talk about the characters. Put students into pairs. Tell them to make a list of all the characters they've read about so far and to divide them into two groups – 'North' and 'South'. Write 'North' and 'South' on the board, and ask pairs to write down the names of the characters. One by one, ask them to describe the character: *Who is he/she? What is happening to him/her in the story?*

After reading

- 14 Read carefully:** Get students to re-read the discussion on the strike. Ask them the following questions: *What is Margaret's opinion about the relationship between the workers and the masters? What is Mr Thornton's opinion on that?*
- 15 Discuss:** Lead a whole-class discussion by asking the following questions: *Margaret didn't tell Mr Hale the truth about Mrs Hale's illness. Why didn't she? What would you do if you were in her place? What if one of your parents or someone close to you were dying, would you like to know immediately?*
- 16 Discuss:** Talk about charity. Have students work in pairs to discuss the following questions: *When Margaret heard about John Boucher and his family, she immediately gave some money to them and she sent a basket of food the following day. What do you think of her actions? Would you do the same? What is your opinion on charity in general?*

Chapters 7–8

Before reading

- 17 Discuss:** Talk about strikes. Ask students if they have workers' strikes in their own countries. Ask them to describe them: *Why are there strikes? How often do people go on strike? How does it end?*

After reading

- 18 Read carefully:** Ask students to work in small groups to discuss the strike, the riot and the incident that happened to Margaret during the riot. Guide them with these questions:
- Why did the workers go on a strike?*
 - Why did the leaders of the riot bring the crowd to Marlborough Mill?*

- Why did Mr Thornton go outside?*
- Why did Margaret get injured?*

- 19 Discuss:** Talk about Mr Thornton's declaration of love for Margaret. Have students work in pairs to discuss the following questions: *What would you do if you were in Margaret's shoes? What if someone from a different social class or different background told you that he/she loved you? How would you react?*
- 20 Compare and contrast:** Some people say Mr Thornton reminds them of Mr Darcy from Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* (*Pride and Prejudice* is available as a Pearson English Reader, Level 5). Ask students if they have ever read *Pride and Prejudice* either in English or in their language. Ask the students who know the story to tell the class who Mr Darcy is and what the storyline is. What are the similarities between Mr Thornton and Mr Darcy? What are the differences?
- 21 Write:** Brainstorm what kind of things Edith wrote in her letter to Margaret (page 50). Ask students to imagine what Edith's life is like in Corfu. Ask them why they think Edith is insisting that Margaret and her mother (but not her father) should come and stay with her for at least three months. Use the board to note down the possible suggestions. Then tell students to imagine they are Edith and to write the letter.

Chapters 9–10

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- 22 Guess:** Put students into pairs. Ask the students to imagine what is going to happen to Nicholas Higgins now the strike is over. Later each pair can share their ideas with the rest of the class.

After reading

- 23 Discuss:** Students work in pairs to answer the following questions: *Regarding Frederick, do you think Margaret did the right thing all along? How could she have acted differently?* After the pairs have discussed this, hold a whole-class discussion.
- 24 Research:** Talk about social class differences in England in the mid-nineteenth century. Put students into small groups. Have them go over the story so far in order to write down the differences in social classes that are shown. Have them discuss what makes the differences. Then ask them to use the library, the Internet and/or other references, so that they can collect some information on social classes in England. When they are ready, ask groups to make a presentation in class to show what they found out.

Chapters 11–12

Before reading

- 25 Write:** Tell students to imagine that they are Margaret. Get students to write her diary on the day that the police inspector came to see her. Give them the following instructions: *Write down Margaret's*

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thoughts and feelings. She was worried about Frederick. She had to lie to the police inspector. She found out that Mr Thornton had saved her. She was upset and distressed. Try to find the reasons for her actions and examine her feelings. Later, ask some students to read out their diary or make a classroom display so that they can read other students' work.

After reading

- 26 Role play:** Put students into small groups to act out the conversation between Mrs Thornton and Mr Thornton (pages 69–70). Have students discuss what Mr Thornton knows, what he is thinking about and how he is feeling about it, so that they can decide Mr Thornton's movements, body language, facial expressions, tone of voice, etc. Students go through the same process for Mrs Thornton as well. Even though only two people need to act, the rest of the group members can direct the acting. Monitor the students while they are discussing and practising. Later ask groups to perform in front of the class. Encourage students to make comments on the performances of other groups.
- 27 Discuss:** Have students work in pairs to discuss the following questions: *Although Margaret has realised her true feelings for Mr Thornton, she speaks to him coldly, forcing herself to appear uninterested (pages 74–75). Why do you think she does so? What is the logic behind it? If you were in Margaret's shoes, what would you do?* Later ask some students to present their opinions to the rest of the class.
- 28 Read carefully:** Remind students that Mr Bell has noticed some signs that Margaret cares for Mr Thornton (page 78). Working individually, students re-read pages 75–78 in order to identify these signs. When they are ready, put students into pairs so that they can compare their answers. Then check their answers in class.
- 29 Discuss:** Ask students what they think about the story of a dining-room for the workers at Marlborough Mill. Lead a whole-class discussion by asking the following questions: *What are the benefits to the workers and to Mr Thornton? Would you want to work at a place where there's a dining-room for the workers? Why/Why not?*
- 30 Discuss:** Have students work in pairs to discuss the following questions: *Why do you think Margaret wrote, 'Margaret Hale is not a girl to say no.'? What is she going to do?*

Chapters 13–14

Before reading

- 31 Predict:** Put students into small groups. Write down the following characters: Margaret, Dixon, Edith, Aunt Shaw, Mr Lennox, Mr Thornton, Mrs Thornton, Nicholas Higgins, Mary Higgins and Mr Bell. Have them guess what will happen to

each character. Ask them to write down their ideas, and they can read them out to the class. Tell them to keep their notes for later (activity 33).

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- 32 Discuss:** At the end of Chapter 13, ask students the following question: *Do you think Henry Lennox has a chance of winning Margaret?*

After reading

- 33 Check:** Tell students to go back to the notes they wrote in activity 31. Were they right? Ask some students to report how similar or different the consequences were.
- 34 Read carefully:** Have students work individually to identify the reasons why Mr Thornton's business has failed.
- 35 Discuss:** Put students into pairs, and have them discuss the following questions: *Do you think Edith knows Margaret's true feelings for Mr Thornton? Why doesn't she want Henry Lennox to give up hope? What has Margaret been writing (or not writing) about in the letters to Edith?*
- 36 Discuss:** Talk about Mr Henry Lennox. Put students into small groups. Ask them the following questions: *Why do you think Mr Henry Lennox didn't keep his appointment? What do you think of him? Do you like him? Why/Why not?*
- 37 Role play:** Tell students to work in pairs and act out the following conversation:
Student A: You are Margaret. You want to tell Edith about Mr Thornton. Apologise for not telling her about what has happened between Mr Thornton and you before. You want her to visit Milton some day.
Student B: You are Edith. You are shocked but happy for Margaret. You are a little bit annoyed because Margaret has never told you about their relationship before. You are disappointed because you wanted Margaret to live near you.

Extra activities

- 38 Read carefully:** Have students work in pairs to find the following scenes from the book: *There are scenes where shaking hands took place (or didn't take place successfully) between Mr Thornton and Margaret. Go back to the book, and find the scenes. Ask students to tell the class what exactly happened in each scene.*
- 39 Discuss:** Put students into small groups. Have them ask and answer the following questions:
 a How has Margaret changed?
 b How has Mr Thornton changed?
- 40 Retell:** Tell students to go back to the Contents page. Have them look at the chapter titles. Ask them to give you a short summary chapter by chapter. Put students into small groups and assign the chapters to each group. Ask them to read out the summary, and the rest of the class can judge if any important information is missing.

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

clergyman manufacturing mutiny shawls
stately tenant tutor vicarage

- a Mrs Shaw wanted to ask Edith to bring down her Indian
- b Margaret was tall and
- c Henry wanted to know what the was like.
- d Frederick had taken part in a
- e Mr Hale said he could no longer be a in the Church of England.
- f Milton-Northern is a large town.
- g Mr Bell thinks that Mr Hale can earn a living as a private
- h Mr Thornton is a of Mr Bell's.

2 Write sentences from the novel which prove that each of these sentences is true.

- a Mrs Shaw is Mrs Hale's sister.
- b Margaret thinks that people in trade claim to be better than they are.
- c Frederick doesn't live in England.
- d There are roses outside the sitting-room window.
- e Henry Lennox went back to London by train.
- f Mr Bell suggested that the Hale family go to Milton-Northern.

Chapters 3–4

3 Answer these questions.

- a What flower was the vicarage in Helstone half-covered with?
- b Who did Margaret meet at the hotel in Milton-Northern?
- c What made strangers think that Margaret was haughty?
- d Why did the landlord change the wallpaper?
- e How did Mr Hale find his pupils?
- f Where do Nicholas and Bessy Higgins live?
- g Who did Mr Hale invite to tea?

4 What do these people think about the following things?

- a Mr Thornton about Margaret's quiet, calm manner
- b Margaret about Mr Thornton's expression

- c Margaret about the crowd who poured in and out of the factories
- d Margaret about the undisguised admiration of the men
- e Nicholas Higgins about Margaret's wish to come and visit him and his daughter
- f Mrs Thornton about the way Margaret treated her son when he first met her
- g Mr Thornton about the Hale family's sitting-room
- h Mr Thornton about the relationship between the mill owners and the workers now
- i Mr Thornton about Margaret when she didn't shake hands with him

Chapters 5–6

5 Who or what ...

- a is very proud of Milton?
- b disliked the way Mrs Thornton had spoken to her?
- c thinks that the name of John Thornton of Milton is respected among businessmen all over Europe?
- d had asked Mr Thornton to give the Hales the name of a good doctor?
- e has a sick wife and six children?
- f makes Bessy feel ill?
- g wet her handkerchief and laid it on Bessy's forehead?
- h saw immediately that Margaret was strong enough to be told the truth?
- i used to cry in bed at night, thinking her mother would forget her?
- j was sent to the Boucher family?

6 Find the mistakes and correct them.

- a Mrs Thornton loves Fanny more than John.
- b The Thorntons live next to the Hales.
- c Margaret and Mr Thornton have the same opinion on the relationship between the manufacturers and their workers.
- d Mr Thornton thinks the strike is unlikely to happen.
- e Mr Thornton will get workers from Scotland if the strike goes on too long.

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- f Dr Donaldson fell in love with Margaret.
- g Dr Donaldson told the Hales that Mrs Hale would recover.
- h Mrs Hale became feverish, and Dr Donaldson thinks that a watermelon might help.

Chapters 7–8

7 Put these events in the right order. Write the numbers 1–7.

- a ☐ Mrs Thornton went to fetch the doctor.
- b ☐ Margaret saw some men take off their shoes to throw at Mr Thornton.
- c ☐ The angry crowd broke open the gate.
- d ☐ A stone hit Margaret hard on the forehead.
- e ☐ Margaret went home accompanied by the doctor.
- f ☐ Margaret stood in front of Mr Thornton and threw her arms around him in order to save him.
- g ☐ Margaret asked Mr Thornton to go out and speak to the workers.

8 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- a Mr Thornton knew that Margaret did not love him and never would, but
- b Margaret was horrified by Mr Thornton's declaration, but
- c Mr Thornton had come because of his great need to see Margaret again, but
- d Mr Thornton's behaviour was not polite at all, but
 - 1) she could not stop thinking about him.
 - 2) after he had glanced in her direction, he bowed coldly to her and turned away.
 - 3) he also knew that nothing could stop him from loving her.
 - 4) it was clear to Margaret that the reason why he was behaving badly was because he was very hurt.

Chapters 9–10

9 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. Change them to the correct form if necessary.

alibi	be absorbed	contempt	despise
	inquest	porter	sigh

- a At Mrs Hale's funeral, Dixon in her grief.

- b A at the station had seen Leonards rudely push a lady who was on the platform.
- c The police inspector said that Margaret might need to give an
- d As a magistrate, Mr Thornton could prevent the; then he could protect Margaret.
- e He might her for lying, but he could still save her from being shamed in public.
- f When the police inspector told Margaret that Mr Thornton had stopped the investigation, she deeply.
- g Margaret thought that Mr Thornton must feel great for her.

Chapters 11–12

10 Who says these things, who are they talking to, and what are they talking about?

- a 'Betsy is so upset by her lover's death that she cannot work for us anymore.'
- b 'Then I shall have kept my promise to her mother and done my duty.'
- c 'She never wished you to insult me, I am sure.'
- d 'Your behaviour during the riot showed that you cared for him too.'
- e 'I am losing hope about Frederick.'
- f 'I will look after her, and when I die, everything will be hers.'
- g 'Oh, don't tell me! I know it from your face! You would not have left him – if he were alive!'

Chapters 13–14

11 Answer these questions.

- a What did Edith suggest to make Margaret feel more cheerful?
- b What is Dixon's new role?
- c What did Margaret and Henry share?
- d What was the cause of Mr Bell's death?
- e Where did Margaret go on holiday?
- f Who told Mr Thornton that Frederick had come to Milton?
- g Whose business has failed?
- h Why did Mr Thornton go to Helstone?

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1 Who is it? Choose the name of the character who ...

Edith Frederick Margaret Mr Hale Mrs Hale
Mr Bell Mr Thornton Mrs Thornton
Nicholas Higgins

- a grew up together with Margaret in Harley Street.
.....
- b has serious doubts about the authority of the Church.
- c recommended the Hales to move to Milton.
.....
- d is Mr Hale's favourite student.
- e lives in Spain.
- f has two daughters.
- g says, 'A mother's love is forever.'

2 There are mistakes in these sentences. Write the correct information.

- a Frederick was unable to return to England because he had killed a man.
- b Mr Thornton wants a dull, lazy life in the south.
- c When Bessy died, Margaret was with her.
- d The factory workers started the strike because they didn't like their work.
- e During the riot, a shoe hit Margaret hard on her forehead.
- f The strike ended because of the Irish workers.
- g Margaret asked Frederick to come to Milton because Mr Hale was dying.
- h Frederick asked Henry to find the lawyers, who could explain why the mutiny had happened.

3 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a At the beginning of the story, Margaret despised people who make money in trade. ☐
- b Mr Hale left Helstone because he didn't believe in God any more. ☐
- c The Hamper Mill owner thinks Higgins is a good worker. ☐
- d Mr Thornton came to Mrs Hale's funeral. ☐
- e Mr Thornton thought Margaret was with her lover at the station. ☐
- f Margaret had to lie to the police inspector to protect Frederick. ☐
- g Leonards was killed by Frederick. ☐
- h Margaret didn't want Mr Thornton to despise her. ☐

4 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

admired	contempt	deeply	disgusted
realised	rude	servant	strength

- a When Mr Thornton met Margaret for the first time, she treated him as if she was a queen and he was her
- b Margaret liked Mr Thornton's smile; it was the first thing she had in her father's new friend.
- c Margaret liked the story of Mr Thornton's childhood. Everything else her.
- d Margaret thought Mr Thornton was very clever and has great of character, and she started to like him a little.
- e Margaret didn't understand her feelings for Mr Thornton, so she was very to him when he expressed his love for her.
- f Margaret was sorry she had hurt Mr Thornton so
- g Mr Thornton knows that Margaret had lied to the police inspector, and she thought he must feel great for her.
- h Margaret finally her strong feelings for Mr Thornton.

5 Choose the right ending for each sentence.

- a Mr Thornton felt sure Margaret didn't care for him, but
 - 1) he had to forget about her.
 - 2) he had to ask her to marry him.
 - 3) he had to send a thank you note.
- b Mr Thornton was disturbed by the fact that
 - 1) Margaret loves someone else.
 - 2) Margaret killed Leonards.
 - 3) Margaret had been with a handsome man near the station at night.
- c Mr Thornton was still in love with Margaret, despite
 - 1) all his efforts not to be.
 - 2) all her faults.
 - 3) all his family problems.
- d Mr Thornton wanted to see the place where Margaret grew up, even when
 - 1) he hated her at times.
 - 2) he had no hope of winning her heart.
 - 3) he had to give up his business.

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Book key

- 1 a gazed b strike c inherit d clergyman
e haughty f sighed g tenant h tutor
- 2 a Margaret Hale is a beautiful, clever, proud young woman who everyone loves and admires. Her family are upper-class and her father is a clergyman. Mr Thornton is a wealthy mill owner who Margaret finds unsympathetic to his workers.
b It is about the differences between the north and south of England. Industry was very important in the north. There was less industry and more agriculture in the south, where the upper classes lived unproductive lives.
c Unitarianism emphasised the importance of upbringing and of improving conditions for the poor. In several of her novels, Gaskell wrote about working-class people and the need to improve their conditions.
d The conditions of the factory workers were bad. Their wages were low and they fought to talk to the cotton mill owners as equals.
- 3 a T b T c T d F e T f F g T h F
- 4 Mrs Shaw is Margaret's aunt and Edith's mother. Her husband died many years ago but she has a comfortable life.
Frederick is Margaret's brother. He was in the navy and took part in a mutiny. He is now unable to return to England.
Dixon is Mrs Hale's servant and loves her very much. Mr Bell is an old friend of Mr Hale's from Oxford University. He owns property in Milton-Northern and feels that Mr Hale can earn a living there as a private tutor.
Helstone is a beautiful, isolated village in the middle of a forest. The Hale family live there in a vicarage.
- 5 a Margaret and Edith are cousins and Margaret has lived with Edith in her aunt's house for nine years. They love each other. Edith is getting married and is going to live in Greece, so they will not see each other for a long time.
b Henry Lennox will soon become Edith's brother-in-law. He asks Margaret to marry him, but she refuses because she only sees him as a friend.
c Mr and Mrs Hale love each other, but Mrs Hale is discontented because her husband is a clergyman and does not make much money. When he decides to stop being a clergyman and move the family to the north, Mrs Hale is very distressed.
- 6–8 Open answers
- 9 a Heston
b Crampton, wallpaper
c interest
d servant
e die
f tradesman
g health
h arrested/hanged
- 10 a Margaret is talking to her mother about Mr Thornton after meeting him for the first time.
b Nicholas Higgins is talking to his daughter Bessy after Margaret has offered to visit her.
c Mrs Thornton is thinking to herself about Margaret after Mr Thornton has told her that Margaret treated him like a servant.
d Mr Thornton is talking to Margaret when they are arguing about which is better, the north or the south of England.
e Mr Thornton is describing his difficult early life to the Hale family.
f Bessy is telling Margaret how she became ill because of cotton dust in the factory air.
g Mrs Hale is talking to Margaret about Frederick and the mutiny that he took part in.
- 11 a Mr Thornton admires Margaret's beauty but her lack of interest in him makes him feel rough and uncivilised and he decides that she is very proud and unpleasant.
b Margaret doesn't like Mr Thornton or feel interested in him. She thinks that his expression is powerful and determined, and that he looks like what he is, 'a great tradesman'. She finds him hard and unsympathetic towards people who are less fortunate than himself. However, she likes his smile.
- 12–13 Open answers
- 14 a 5 b 2 c 1 d 6 e 8 f 4 g 7 h 3
- 15 a Fanny says something that makes Mrs Thornton believe that Margaret has been criticising her fondness for Milton-Northern. Mrs Thornton is also displeased that Margaret isn't interested in visiting Milton's factories.

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- b He decides that he will have to bring in workers from Ireland.
- c We learn that he has a sick wife and five young children. He does not earn enough money as a mill worker to be able to support his family.
- d She thinks that he needs to learn the truth gradually or it will kill him.
- e He returns home from a walk with Margaret and discovers that his wife nearly died an hour earlier. Dr Donaldson then tells him the truth.
- f The Thorntons have a water-bed and Dr Donaldson feels that it might help Mrs Hale.

16–18 Open answers

- 19 a wooden gates
 - b Margaret
 - c soldiers
 - d stone
 - e Fanny thinks she is in love with Mr Thornton
 - f loves her
 - g Frederick
 - h Mr Hale
 - i Mr Thornton
 - j does not speak
- 20 Margaret's response shows that she is very brave and cares about people very much. She refuses to leave Mr Thornton and begs him to go out and speak to the strikers instead of allowing the soldiers to attack them. When she sees that Mr Thornton is in danger, she throws her arms around him to protect him. Like Margaret, Mr Thornton does not show any fear. He asks the soldiers to come and protect the house, but he goes out to speak to the workers and walks out into the middle of the crowd, telling them to kill him if that is what they want. Fanny is very frightened and faints. Mrs Thornton is frightened but brave, and says she will stay with her son. However, when Fanny faints, she carries her upstairs.
- 21 Margaret is very cold and refuses Mr Thornton's offer, saying that any woman would have done the same. But afterwards she cannot stop thinking about him. After Margaret has refused him, Mr Thornton wants to cry like a child. He goes into the countryside and thinks about every word she has said to him. He realises that nothing can stop him from loving her.
- 22–23 Open answers
- 24 a Mrs Thornton
- b Frederick
 - c Dixon
 - d Frederick
 - e Mr Thornton
 - f Inspector Watson
 - g Mr Thornton
 - h Margaret
 - i Mr Thornton
- 25 a Frederick returns just in time to say goodbye to his mother before she dies, making her last moments happy.
- b Dixon meets Leonards, a young man she knew in the south of England, in the street. He was on the *Russell* with Frederick but did not mutiny. He suggests to Dixon that they try to trap Frederick and share the reward offered for finding him.
 - c Frederick is waiting for a train to London when Leonards, who is a porter, recognises him. Frederick pushes Leonards off the platform and jumps on the train, which leaves immediately.
 - d Inspector Watson tells Margaret that Leonards has died and that a man has identified her as being the woman accompanying the man who pushed Leonards off the platform. To protect Frederick's identity, Margaret denies that she was at the station, but the inspector says that Margaret may have to appear at the inquest and give an alibi.
- 26 a When Mr Thornton hears from Inspector Watson that Margaret has denied being at the station when Leonards fell off the platform, the mill owner knows she was lying because he saw her there. To save her from appearing at the inquest and lying again, he uses his power as a magistrate to stop the inquest. He does this although he has seen her with another man who he thinks might be her lover.
- b At first Margaret does not feel grateful to Mr Thornton because she realises he must now see her as a liar and despise her for it. But then she realises that his good opinion of her really matters to her. She finds that she cannot stop thinking about him and has very strong feelings towards him.

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27–28 Open answers

29 a 2 b 5 c 1 d 7 e 3 f 6 g 4

- 30 a The fact that it concerned an attractive young man. Mr Thornton believes that Margaret lied in order to protect this man, who he thinks is her lover.
- b Because he knows that Higgins waited five hours to see him and he has learnt that Higgins's story about the Bouchers is true.
- c 'Is Miss Hale so well-known for truthfulness?'
- d In Frederick's first letter he says that Henry Lennox thinks that there is no real hope of finding witnesses, and that he no longer considers himself English. In his second letter he says that he has married Dolores, whose family own a large manufacturing company, and that he is certain to achieve a high position in it.
- e He says she will inherit all his money when he dies and that he will give her more than £250 a year. He has also asked his lawyer to arrange the sale of her house.
- f Margaret's shock is so great that she can hardly speak or move. Mr Bell and Mrs Shaw come to look after her and Mrs Shaw takes Margaret to London to live with her family.

31–33 Open answers

- 34 a bored
b rich
c Henry Lennox
d Frederick
e business
f Mr Colthurst
g about £18,000
h roses
- 35 Since Margaret is back in Harley Street, she and Henry Lennox see each other again, but they usually meet in the presence of others and this prevents them from feeling embarrassed. When Margaret inherits Mr Bell's fortune, Lennox becomes her legal adviser and the two spend time alone. They start to become closer to each other and Lennox feels that Margaret may care for him. After Edith's dinner party, Margaret asks to see him alone and his hopes grow even higher. But when she tells him that she wants to lend Mr Thornton a large sum of money, he realises that she has no wish to marry him and tells Edith this.

- 36 Mr Thornton learns that the man he saw at the station with Margaret was her brother, not her lover. He already knows that Frederick will be arrested if he is seen in England, and he finally understands the reason for Margaret's lie and why she could not tell him the truth. He is forced to give up his business, and comes to London to discuss rent payments for Marlborough Street with Henry Lennox. At Edith's dinner party he sees Margaret again and she overhears him talking about his ideas for discussions with workers about his business plans. This, and other things he says, make Margaret realise that Mr Thornton has changed and become more sympathetic to his workers. Margaret has admitted to herself for some time that she loves him and the next day she offers to lend him a large sum of money so that the mill can continue. The two declare their love and it is clear that they will marry.

37–47 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1 Possible answers:
Perhaps she is in early 20s.
She's wearing a brown hat, a brown jacket and a shawl.
Probably she doesn't do anything. I think she does some house work. I think she might be looking after her parents.
It looks like it's snowing, but it might be some cotton dust.
- 2 Open answers
- 3 People travelled by trains, carriages and ships.
- 4 a She is eighteen.
b Corfu (Greek island).
c Margaret is tall and stately. Edith is much shorter, beautiful and sweet.
d Captain Lennox is tall and handsome. Mr Henry Lennox is not handsome, but has a clever, interesting face.
e It's like a village in a poem. There's a church, with a few cottages near it with roses growing all over them.
- 5 Open answers
- 6 a In London, she had a luxurious social life. In Helstone, Margaret had to give up many luxuries. Life is quieter and more simple.
b Her mother was deeply discontented and complained a lot. Her father had lines of anxiety on his face. Each day he seemed more lost and confused.

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- c Because the memory was generally happy.
- d Because her mother's bad health started from the time of the mutiny. Also because of her father's anxious face.
- e Because she has only ever thought of him as a friend.
- f Because her father has doubts about the authority of the Church and can no longer be a clergyman. Because her father was recommended to go to Milton by his friend Mr Bell.

7–10 Open answers

11 Mr Thornton:

Margaret's obvious lack of interest made him feel like a rough, uncivilised fellow, and he was not sure he liked her. He thought that her quiet, calm manner was rather disdainful. He thought she treated him as if she was a queen and he was her servant. Because she didn't shake hands with him, he thought she was the proudest, most unpleasant girl he had ever met. However, he had to admit that she was very beautiful and graceful.

Margaret:

She thought he was a tall, broad-shouldered man of about thirty, with a face that is not ugly but not handsome either. She thought he was not quite a gentleman. She thought he was a typical tradesman. She thought Mr Thornton's eyes seemed to want to enter the heart of everything he looked at. She liked his smile. She liked the story of his childhood, but everything else disgusted her. She thought he was hard. She thought he was a very unusual man, but she didn't like him at all.

12–13 Open answers

14 Margaret's opinion:

There should be friendship and cooperation between manufacturers and their workers. We all depend on each other.

Mr Thornton's opinion:

The workers are like children. They need to be told what to do and they don't need to be given reasons why.

15–17 Open answers

18 Suggested answers:

- a Because they want better pay. Because they think the mill owners are trying to cheat them when they said they might have to lower wages.
- b Because Mr Thornton brought workers in from Ireland.

- c Because Margaret asked him to go outside to speak to the workers.
- d Because she saw some younger men were aiming their shoes at Mr Thornton, she wanted to save him.

19 Open answers

20 Just like Mr Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*, Mr Thornton's first impression is not great. As in *Pride and Prejudice*, Mr Thornton offers marriage and is rejected. *Pride and Prejudice* is purely a love story, but *North and South* deals with the problems across the social divide.

21–27 Open answers

28 When Mr Thornton looked at her, she blushed.

When Mr Thornton made a bitter comment, she didn't get up and leave as she would have done formerly.

She glanced at Mr Thornton in sad surprise, with the expression of a hurt child.

When she sighed, her whole body trembled.

When Mr Bell made an ill-judged comment on Mr Thornton, she defended him by saying, 'He was not his usual self tonight,' and 'Something must have happened to upset him.'

29–33 Open answers

34 He couldn't complete some of his business contracts because of the strike.

The commercial value of cotton had fallen.

He had spent a lot of money on expensive new machinery.

No new orders were coming in, and there were the huge expenses of paying the workers and maintaining the mill.

Several American firms that he did business with had failed.

35–37 Open answers

38 (page 20) Mr Thornton went towards Margaret to shake hands with her, as was the custom in Milton.

But it was not custom in the south and Margaret just bowed. Mr Thornton walked off angrily.

(page 29) Mr Thornton got up to go. Margaret smiled at him but did not put out her hand, and again, as he left, he told himself that she was unpleasant proud.

(page 44) Mr Thornton refused the hand that Margaret held out, then turned and left the room.

(page 87) Mr Thornton took the hand Margaret offered to him as if it were a dead flower.

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- 39 a She didn't use to like people in trade. Having lived in Milton, she has great respect for them.
b He used to think of the workers as enemies and treated them like a child. Now he's learnt to believe that an organisation can be much more successful if the employers and workers talk freely to one another and see each other as people.

40 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1 a shawls b stately c vicarage d mutiny
e clergyman f manufacturing g tutor
h tenant
- 2 a When Mrs Hale began to compare her sister's comfortable life in London with her own life at the vicarage, Margaret would stop talking and listen to the rain as it fell on the sitting-room window.
b 'I think it's much better for us to know poor country people, people who do not claim to be better than they are.'
c He had joined the navy some years ago, and had taken part in a mutiny, with the result that he was now unable to return to England, as he would be arrested if he did.
d The little sitting-room was looking its best in the morning sunlight; the window was open and roses crept around the corner, while the garden was bright with flowers of every colour.
e It was a relief to all of them when Mr Lennox said that he needed to leave immediately in order to catch the five o'clock train.
f 'He feels certain that I can earn a living there as a private tutor.'
- 3 a Roses.
b Mr Thornton.
c Margaret's short upper lip, strong chin and the way she moved her head and body.
d Because Mr Thornton asked for something to be done.
e They were recommended by either Mr Bell or Mr Thornton.
f 9 Frances Street.
g He invited Mr Thornton.

- 4 a He thought it was rather disdainful.
b She thought it was much too powerful and determined.
c She was frightened.
d She was upset.
e He thought she would come.
f She didn't like her immediately.
g He thought it was much more comfortable and attractive than any of the rooms in his own large house.
h He thinks that the mill owners used to have more power but now it's more evenly balanced.
i He thought she was the proudest, most unpleasant girl he had ever met.
- 5 a Mrs Thornton
b Margaret
c Mrs Thornton
d Mr Hale
e John Boucher
f Tobacco smoke
g Margaret
h Dr Donaldson
i Margaret
j A big basket of food
- 6 a Fanny more than John > John more than Fanny
b Hales > mill
c the same opinion > different opinions
d unlikely > likely
e Scotland > Ireland
f fell in love with Margaret > thought he would have fallen in love with Margaret if he was thirty years younger
g would > would not
h watermelon > water-bed
- 7 a 6 b 3 c 1 d 5 e 7 f 4 g 2
- 8 a 3 b 1 c 2 d 4
- 9 a was absorbed
b porter
c alibi
d inquest
e despise
f sighed
g contempt

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- 10** a Mrs Thornton to Mr Thornton about their servant
 b Mrs Thornton to Mr Thornton about visiting Margaret
 c Margaret to Mrs Thornton about Mrs Hale's request to Mrs Thornton
 d Mrs Thornton to Margaret about Margaret saving Mr Thornton during the riot
 e Margaret to Mr Hale about Mr Henry Lennox who can't find the witnesses to prove the truth about the mutiny
 f Mr Bell to Mr Hale about Margaret
 g Margaret to Mr Bell about Mr Hale's death
- 11** a Dinner parties.
 b Margaret's servant.
 c They shared similar intellectual interests.
 d Heart attack.
 e Cromer.
 f Nicholas Higgins.
 g Mr Thornton's.
 h He wanted to see the place where Margaret grew up.

Progress test key

- 1** a Edith
 b Mr Hale
 c Mr Bell
 d Mr Thornton
 e Frederick
 f Nicholas Higgins
 g Mrs Thornton
- 2** a he had killed a man > he took part in a mutiny
 b wants > doesn't want (He would rather be a working man in the north than a rich man in the south.)
 c was > was not (Mary came to inform her.)
 d they didn't like their work > they wanted higher wages
 e shoe > stone
 f Irish workers > riot
 g Mr Hale > Mrs Hale
 h lawyers > witnesses
- 3** a T b F c F d T e T f T g F h T
- 4** a servant b admired c disgusted d strength
 e rude f deeply g contempt h realised
- 5** a 2 b 3 c 1 d 2

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