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### Academic ESL World History Unit 4. E. Gaskell, North and South Part 1.

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1. How would you describe the environment? Positive or negative? Write at least five sentences.
  
2. Which main activity is taking place in the beginning of chapter I? Why do you think the author introduces the novel in this way?
  
3. Add a brief description of your impression of these characters. Be specific.

Character	My Impression
<b>Margaret</b>	
<b>Mr. Hale</b>	
<b>Mrs. Hale</b>	
<b>Mr. Lennox</b>	
<b>Edith</b>	

**4. Predicting: the title of Chapter II. is “Roses and Thorns” and is followed by a poem:**

“By the soft green light in the woody glade,  
 On the banks of moss where thy childhood played  
 By the household tree, thro’ which thine eye  
 First looked in love to the summer sky.”  
 Mrs. Hemans.

Which atmosphere is portrayed in the poem? What does this depiction of nature represent? How is it related to the title “Roses and Thorns”? What can you predict based on the poem and the title?

5. Section 11. What is Margaret’s impression of her parents in this section?
6. Section 14. Frederick is Margaret’s brother. Try to trace the problem that surrounds this character. What do you think happened in the past? It is ok. To guess.
7. What are some of the activities Margaret likes to engage in?

### **Chapter III and IV**

1. Skim through chapter III. In this chapter we are told of Henry’s affections for Margaret and that she does not return his feelings.

2. Section 24.

*“Margaret! I am going to leave Helstone.”* This quote sets the plot in motion. Above all, it causes a great deal of commotion since it involves Mr. Hale’s relationship to religion and the church. What is Mr. Hale’s reason for leaving Helstone? Be specific.

3. What is Margaret’s reaction to her father’s statement? Give examples.

### **4. Free Writing**

*“I suffer for conscience’ sake, my child,”*. How do you interpret these words? Have you ever felt that you had to decide based on your conscience? Write for 10 minutes.

### **Chapter V.**

1. What is Margaret’s role in chapter V? What is unusual about her role toward her mother?

2. Based on your observations, “map out” and describe the social contrasts you believe the author is pointing out at the beginning of the plot. Think of characters, environment and living conditions. Use at least one sentence for each entry.

<b>Power, wealth, authority</b>	<b>Working class, poverty, lack of power</b>

3. **Margaret is the main character. Describe her traits and behavior.**