

Literature Ex. – Oliver Twist (ch. 1-5)

While reading *Oliver Twist's* chapters 1-5 by Charles Dickens (version Classic Starts from Sterling Children's Books), complete the activities proposed below.

Chapter 1 – Oliver Twist

Answer the following questions.

1. Where was Oliver born? _____
2. Who were in the room when Oliver's mother delivered him? _____
3. Did Oliver's mother know she was going to die? _____
4. How was the life for an orphan inside the workhouse?

5. What was Mr. Bumble's job? _____
6. How many orphans were born after Oliver? _____

Chapter 2 – Life in a Workhouse

Choose the right name (Dick, Oliver, Mrs. Bumble, Mr. Bumble) to complete each sentence.

1. _____ was certainly worried about money.
2. _____ was very weak and often sick.
3. _____ lost the contest against the other boys.
4. _____ asked for more food.
5. _____ thought it was a bad idea to challenge the authority.
6. _____ could not believe Oliver's insolence.
7. _____ was locked in a tiny room.

Chapter 3 – A new Home

Decide if the following statements are TRUE (T), FALSE (F), or NOT GIVEN (NG).

1. Mr. Bumble took Oliver to talk to the board members. _____
2. Oliver was seen as a trouble kid who had to leave the workhouse. _____

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3. Mr. Sowerberry wanted to adopt Oliver as his own child. _____
4. The man in the white vest disliked children. _____
5. Oliver felt excited about leaving the workhouse after 10 years. _____
6. Mr. Sowerberry had a surprise for Oliver. _____

Chapter 4 – A Bit of Meat

Match the statements in each column correctly.

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| 1. Mr. Sowerberry looked like | a. since he missed her terribly. |
| 2. Oliver was full of joy thanks to | b. since she pulled his arm often. |
| 3. Mrs. Sowerberry offered Oliver | c. she did not like Oliver. |
| 4. Mrs. Sowerberry seemed to mistreat Oliver | d. the supper offered at Mrs. Sowerberry's. |
| 5. Oliver used to dream about his mother | e. a 'scary' place to sleep. |

Chapter 5 – Noah

Complete the following statements using **ONLY ONE WORD**.

1. An _____ young man called Noah Claypole was looking for trouble.
2. Charlotte cooked some _____ for both boys after Mrs. Sowerberry called them.
3. Noah, the bully, worked with Mr. Sowerberry as his _____.
4. Oliver used to sleep in a room with _____.
5. " _____ " was the name Noah called Oliver.
6. The first time Oliver felt _____ was when Noah teased him about his mother.