

**Anne of Green Gables** (Montgomery, L.M. Puffin Books, 1977)

**Page 7: Explain what the following two passages mean in your own words.**

“There are people ... who can attend closely to their neighbours’ business by dint of neglecting their own.”

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“... [A]nybody who went out of it ... had to pass over that hill road and so run the unseen gauntlet of Mrs. Rachel’s all-seeing eye.”

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1. Based on the information provided on page 7 and the top of page 8, describe Mrs. Rachel Lynde.

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2. Explain in detail why there is such a mystery (in Mrs. Rachel’s mind) about Matthew Cuthbert passing by her house with his horse and buggy on this particular day (page 8).

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Page 11:

3. Telling Mrs. Rachel about their intent to take in an orphan boy, Marilla says, "At first Matthew suggested getting a "Home" boy. But I said "no" flat to that. ...no London street arabs for me" (11). Explain the story of the "home children" in detail. What prejudice does Marilla's words reveal?

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4. *Foreshadowing* is "a hint or clue early in a [story] to indicate an event ... that will occur later" (Approaches to Literature: Modes, 3415). Explain how Marilla's comments about "getting a girl" (13) foreshadow the events of the next chapter.

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5. Explain why Matthew initially decides to wait until he gets home to clear up the mistake about Anne. Why does the buggy ride home make things even more difficult for him?

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6. Put yourself in Marilla's position. In your own words (pretending that you are Marilla) make the case for not keeping Anne.

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