

# Middlemarch

## George Eliot

- 1 a False. She lived in the nineteenth century.
- b True. She changed her name so that her writing would be taken more seriously.
- c False. She wrote other very successful works, including *The Mill on the Floss*, *Silas Marner* and *Daniel Deronda*.
- 2 *Student's own answers. Possible changes include:*
- New industrial cities started growing.
- Factories were being built.
- Many people moved from the countryside to the cities.
- Poor farmers started asking for better conditions from their landlords.
- Travel was made easier by the development of railways.
- Politics and parliament started changing and more people asked for and received the right to vote.

- 3 *Student's own answers. Possible details include:*

Marriage in the nineteenth century: how was it different to now?	Marriage: words and expressions
<i>Social rules meant that you should marry someone of the same class/wealth as you.</i> Parents had to approve your choice of husband/wife. Couples did not live together before marriage. Wives were expected to obey their husbands. Husbands controlled the money and took all the important decisions. Marriage was often a financial or family decision, rather than for love. Marriage ceremonies always took place in church. No divorce.	<i>fall in love with someone</i> bride, groom husband, wife promise, vow church marry/get married divorce/get divorced

3	Man	Woman	Why they marry?	A successful marriage?
	Casaubon	Dorothea	She wants to help him complete his work.	No. Both are disappointed.
	Sir James Chettam	Celia	He is handsome and rich. She is pretty and 'sensible'.	They are happy and have children. It is a traditional marriage of the time.
	Doctor Lydgate	Rosamond Vincy	For love and because Rosamond believes he will become rich.	They have many problems, caused by money and Rosamond's selfishness. Things improve, but he dies young.
	Will Ladislav	Dorothea	For love.	Yes, although Dorothea gives up money to be with him.
	Fred Vincy	Mary Garth	For love and because Fred worked hard.	Yes.

4 *Student's own examples. Possible examples include:*

Money words/expressions	Example of use
owe (verb) bailiff (noun) debt(s) (noun) bribe (verb, noun)	<i>Doctor Lydgate owes money to many people.</i> There was a bailiff in the house who would stay there until the debts were paid. People believed that Bulstrode had offered Lydgate a £1000 bribe to kill Raffles.
bankrupt (noun, adjective) afford (verb)	If you have no money and cannot pay your debts, you become bankrupt. Lydgate cannot afford the expensive lifestyle that his wife wants.
rent (noun, verb)	Lydgate and Rosamond cannot pay the rent for their house.
lend (verb) loan (noun) inherit (verb)	Dorothea lends money to Lydgate to help him. Lydgate asks for a loan from Rosamond's family. Fred Vincy hopes to inherit money from Peter Featherstone when he dies.

5 *Student's own answer.*

6 a *Student's own answers. An example for Dorothea and Celia might be:*

Although they are sisters, Dorothea and Celia are very different. Whilst Dorothea is beautiful, she chooses to wear simple, plain clothes in an old-fashioned style and is less interested in clothes and jewellery than her pretty sister, Celia. Celia is considered to be more sensible because she follows the traditions of the time and chooses to marry a rich and handsome man, whilst Dorothea wants to marry someone whom she loves, respects and can learn from. Dorothea wants to change society and improve the lives of poor people, but Celia thinks it is best for things to stay as they are.

b *Student's own answer.*

7 *Student's own answer.*

8 a *Student's own answer. Student may mention:*

Women now have education and careers outside the home. Marriage is less of an obligation and women are equal partners if they choose to marry. Women have more choice of marriage partner and can get divorced. Women can vote.

b *Student's own answer.*