

Does Dickens believe that money can buy happiness?

In my opinion, I think that Dickens does think money can buy happiness. Dickens does think money can buy happiness because at the start when Oliver didn't have any money and went to London to make his fortune he had to walk miles and miles and he was poor and tried to beg for money. At this time Oliver was not happy because he had walked a long way, was starving, thirsty and fatigued. Oliver ran away and went to London. But, if he was rich in the first place then, he would not have ran away. In addition, the poor people in the book had to suffer like working in warehouses whereas the people who were more rich could buy anything they wanted and be happy. Like Mr Bumble's dinner on the way to London consisted of steaks, oyster sauce, porter, hot gin and water. Furthermore, Nancy is poor and has to work for Sikes and Sikes killed Nancy. In the first place, if Nancy was not poor she would not have been working for Sikes and would have had a much happier life. Moreover, the governess are very rich and have plenty of food that they can't finish(as they are already stuffed) but if you look at the orphans they have already gobbled up every last drop of food in their plate and probably ask for more but are too afraid as they know they could get hanged like Oliver did. However, if you were a governor, you could ask for more food and you will instantly be given more food. As you can see this is why I think that Dickens thought that money can't buy happiness in the Victorian era.