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Questions

1. What have the students been asked to research?

- A. The life story of Charles Dickens
- B. The characteristics of Dickens' writing style
- C. How Dickens influenced other Victorian writers
- D. The common themes in Dickens' novels

2. William criticized Miranda because... (Choose 2 answers)

- A. she had done very little research
- B. her research was irrelevant to the task
- C. her ideas contradicted his own.
- D. she did not find examples to support her points.

3. What does the student emphasize as being a benefit of writing serialized novels? Choose 2 answers.

- A. It gave Dickens more time to think about his ideas
- B. It meant that each chapter ended with an element of suspense
- C. It allowed Dickens to refer to current events
- D. It enabled Dickens to get feedback about his work

4. Why does the student tell the story of the people at the docks in New York?

- A. to show how eagerly anticipated his work was
- B. to show the types of people Dickens portrayed in his novels
- C. to give an example of a scene from one of Dickens' novels
- D. to show how relevant his work was to a worldwide audience

5. According to William, what was the best feature of Dickens' work?

- A. the way he compared people to inanimate objects
- B. the way he created multi-faceted characters
- C. the way his dialogue reflected characters
- D. the way he mocked certain people

6. Why does the student mention Mr Murdstone?

- A. He was a recurring character in several Dickens books
- B. He helped Dickens to reach a wider audience
- C. He was someone who Dickens openly ridiculed.
- D. His name has symbolic meaning.