

Before Reading

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES (PAGE 76)

ACTIVITY 1 BEFORE READING

1 T 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T

ACTIVITY 2 BEFORE READING

Students will find out as they read that the answers are 1c, 2b and 3d.

While Reading

CHAPTERS 1 AND 2 WHILE READING

- 1 *Why . . . ?* Because he had never seen people who were so grand and so rich.
- 2 *What . . . ?* The news that his father had been murdered by the Doones on his way home from the market.
- 3 *Why . . . ?* Because they were big, strong men and excellent fighters, and there were a lot of them.
- 4 *What . . . ?* Some fresh fish for his mother, who had been ill.
- 5 *Why . . . ?* Because he wanted to see what was at the top of it, and also he wanted to prove to himself that he wasn't too frightened to do it.
- 6 *What . . . ?* Telling John her name.
- 7 *Why . . . ?* Because she was afraid the Doones would kill them if they found her and John together.

CHAPTERS 3 TO 5 WHILE READING

- 1 T
- 2 F Uncle Ben *saw a way of attacking Doone valley.*
- 3 T
- 4 T
- 5 F She told John that Carver Doone was *rough and violent*, and she would *rather die than* marry him.
- 6 F When John left, he promised *not to come back for another month.*
- 7 F Jeremy Stickles came to the farm to *bring John a letter from the King, ordering him to come to London.*
- 8 T
- 9 F Judge Jeffreys sent John home, *but decided not to use him as a spy.*

BEFORE READING CHAPTER 6

The answers are 1, 5 and 6.

CHAPTERS 6 TO 8 WHILE READING

- 1 Lorna, to John, about the Doones wanting her to promise to marry Carver.
- 2 Lorna, to John, about putting his ring on her finger while he was pretending to look at her hand.

- 3 John, to Lorna, about his terrible worry when she failed to come to their meeting-place.
- 4 Lorna, to John, about her grandfather, Sir Ensor Doone.
- 5 John, to his mother, about Lorna.
- 6 John's mother, to John, about Lorna.
- 7 Gwenny, to John, about the time she and Lorna have spent as prisoners of the Doones.
- 8 John, to Lorna, about the old family ring she has given him to wear.
- 9 Tom Faggus, to John and his family, about the letter he has received from the King.
- 10 Jeremy Stickles, to John, about his work spying on the King's enemies.
- 11 Gwenny, to John, about the Doones she could see coming to attack the farm.
- 12 Carver Doone, to the rest of the Doones, about Lorna.

CHAPTERS 9 TO 11 WHILE READING

- 1 She was Lady Lorna Dugal. Her father was killed in a riding accident in the Pyrenees, and her mother died after the Doones attacked their coach on the coast near Watchet.
- 2 Sir Ensor Doone.
- 3 Because the day when John learned that his father had been killed by the Doones was the same day that the Doones attacked the coach, causing the death of Lorna's mother and brother. It was also the same day that John saw the Doones on Exmoor, carrying Lorna off to Doone valley.
- 4 She didn't want to marry anybody else, and it didn't matter to her how rich or important her family was.
- 5 Because they wanted to get the Lorne family's land by marrying her to a Doone, but they thought that Lorna would refuse to marry one of them if she knew who she really was.
- 6 Because the King's judges and Lorna's uncle, Earl Brandir, had ordered her to come.
- 7 Because he didn't get a letter or a message from Lorna after she left.
- 8 He found Tom on the battlefield at Bridgwater, tied up his wound, put him on his horse, and sent the horse off towards home.
- 9 Because the King's soldiers were just about to shoot John when Jeremy Stickles rode his horse between John and the guns, and then persuaded the captain not to shoot him.

BEFORE READING CHAPTERS 12 AND 13

Encourage students to speculate and to make guesses, but do not tell them the answers. They will find out that the answers are 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 13.

After Reading

ACTIVITY 1 AFTER READING

10+2 13+4 9+17+6 16+1+7+11 15+5 18+14
12+8+3

It was a terrible moment *when* we heard the sound of Carver's gun in the church. *After* John had run out to chase Carver, I told the men to carry Lorna home. There, I cut off her wedding dress, took out the bullet, *and after* I had stopped the bleeding, I managed to make her drink a little wine. Then John arrived home, badly wounded from his fight with Carver, so we put him to bed too, *where* he lay in a fever for several weeks. We told him many times that Lorna was still alive, *but* in his fever the poor man did not believe us. Slowly, *however*, both he and Lorna began to get better, *and* yesterday John's fever left him. Today, he is the happiest man on earth, *because* I took Lorna to see him for the first time, *and* at last he realized that his wife was alive and well.

ACTIVITY 2 AFTER READING

- 1 Tom Faggus, when the rebels have begun to fight against the new King and Tom decides to go and join them.
- 2 John's mother, when John tells her that he's in love with Lorna and wants to bring her to the farm.
- 3 Gwenny, when Lorna is in London and gives her another letter to send to John.
- 4 Jeremy Stickles, after the Doones' attack on the farm, when he decides he has to tell John what he has discovered about Lorna's family history.
- 5 Carver, after the unsuccessful attack on John's farm by the Doones.
- 6 Judge Jeffreys, during his meeting with John when John was called to London to answer questions about the King's enemies.

ACTIVITY 3 AFTER READING

Words across: *inn, signal, nest, waterfall, rebel, fire, moor, sand, gap, attack, valley*

Words down: *darling, stream, spy, coach, bog, sled, defend*

I	N	N	H	S	I	G	N	A	L
N	E	S	T	I	S	L	I	S	F
W	A	T	E	R	F	A	L	L	D
E	O	R	R	M	I	N	E	E	E
D	R	E	B	E	L	W	H	D	F
A	A	A	C	B	T	F	I	R	E
R	E	M	O	O	R	V	E	R	N
L	G	O	A	G	D	S	A	N	D
I	D	S	C	E	C	G	A	P	I
N	D	P	H	A	T	T	A	C	K
G	E	Y	S	V	A	L	L	E	Y

- 1 The hidden sentence is: '*His life, or mine; whatever God decides.*'
- 2 John Ridd, to himself.
- 3 It was Carver who lost his life; at the end of the fight his feet were in the bog, which then pulled him down until he disappeared.

ACTIVITY 4 AFTER READING

The Doones attacked John Ridd's *farm* last night, but Ridd and I were *waiting* for them. Two of them went *towards* the hay ricks with *burning* sticks, and Ridd caught them and *broke* their arms. Then I *ordered* my men to fire. We killed two men, and the *others* ran. We *buried* the dead men today, and I sent the two men with *broken* arms to Taunton. Ridd told me it was the first time the Doones had ever been *defeated*.

Young Lorna Doone is now *living* with the Ridds, but I *have* discovered that she is not a Doone at all, but the *lost* daughter of Lord Dugal. She has an old family *ring*, with the *sign* of the House of Lorne on it. I expect her *uncle*, Earl Brandir, will be interested in this news.

ACTIVITY 5 AFTER READING

Possible answers:

- Lorna married a rich lord in London, and spent the rest of her life there. Poor John never married and was very sad for the rest of his life. He had loved Lorna so deeply that he could never forget her.
OR . . . Poor John was very unhappy for a time, but in the end he forgot Lorna and married a girl from Exmoor.
- Lorna died from a fever a few weeks after Carver had shot her. John was very unhappy and said he would never marry again. After several years, however, he did get married again – to Uncle Ben's daughter, Ruth, who had loved him secretly for a long time.
- John and Lorna married and lived in London. John soon became used to his new life as a rich lord in London, and enjoyed going to fashionable parties and dances with his beautiful wife on his arm. He never went back to Exmoor.
OR . . . John, however, hated living in London, and missed terribly his simple, honest life as an Exmoor farmer. In the end, he persuaded Lorna to return to Plover's Barrows farm, where they lived happily for the rest of their lives.
- After John left, Carver managed to pull himself out of the bog and escape. He left the country, and was never seen again.
OR . . . But he had never been so close to death before, and this frightening experience changed his life. He stopped robbing and murdering, and became an honest farmer. And after a few years he made his peace with John, and the two men became good friends.