

Thérèse Raquin

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A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the picture on page 46.
 - (a) Who are the people in the picture?
 - (b) Where are they?
 - (c) What are they doing? Why?

- 2 Look at the titles of the chapters. Think about the picture from the last exercise. What do you think the story will be about? Think of a possible storyline, or plot.

B While Reading

- 3 Below is a chart with the characters from the story and some adjectives. Read the first four chapters. Match the characters to the adjectives by ticking the boxes.



sickly				
stupid				
weak				
selfish				
angry				
strong				
healthy				
cheerful				
tall				
lazy				

4 Laurent and Thérèse have a very unusual relationship. Their feelings for each other change many times during the story. Write on the line graph where and how their feelings for each other change.

page 22 Thérèse sees Laurent and becomes excited.

page 26 Laurent decides to seduce Thérèse.

C After Reading

- 5 (a) Did Camille’s ghost really exist or did Laurent and Thérèse just imagine it?
 (b) Do you believe in ghosts? Have you ever seen a ghost?
 (c) Are there any famous ghost stories in your country?
- 6 You are a policeman. You are called to the shop the next day to investigate. What do you find and how do you explain it? Write a police report about the two deaths in the shop.