



Anne of Green Gables: Discussion Guide #1

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CHAPTERS 1 – 3

CHAPTER I. Mrs. Rachel Lynde Is Surprised
CHAPTER II. Matthew Cuthbert Is Surprised
CHAPTER III. Marilla Cuthbert Is Surprised

Comprehension:

- What does Mrs. Rachel Lynde see out her window that makes her curious?
- What news does Marilla share with Mrs. Lynde when she comes over?
- What does Mrs. Lynde think about Marilla's idea?
- Why is Matthew surprised when he gets to the train station?
- What is Matthew's first impression of Anne during the drive home?
- What name does Anne ask Marilla to call her and why? How does Marilla respond to this suggestion?
- What does Marilla think she and Matthew must do about Anne?
- Why is Anne unable to eat her dinner?

Analysis:

- What can you infer about how orphans were viewed during the time the book is set? Do you think people today have the same perspective about orphaned children? Why or why not? Use examples from the story to support your answers.
- What is Mrs. Lynde's role in the Avonlea community and what seems to be her relationship to her neighbors? Explain your answer with details from the book.
- Anne chatted the whole ride to Green Gables, repeatedly mentioning her imagination and the things she imagines. What can you tell about Anne's personality and her outlook on life?

Personal Connection:

- When Matthew is driving Anne home from the train station, she shares how figuring out the perfect name for something gives her a thrill. Matthew tells her that seeing grubs in the cucumber bed gives him a thrill. What is something that thrills or excites you?



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CHAPTERS 4 – 8

CHAPTER IV. Morning at Green Gables

CHAPTER V. Anne's History

CHAPTER VI. Marilla Makes Up Her Mind

CHAPTER VII. Anne Says Her Prayers

CHAPTER VIII. Anne's Bringing-up Is Begun

Comprehension:

- Why doesn't Anne want to go outside and play?
- Summarize Anne's life story. What happened to her before she met the Cuthberts?
- How does Anne respond when Marilla asks if Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hammond were good to her?
- How does hearing about Anne's history affect Marilla?
- What is Mrs. Spencer's suggestion about what could be done about Anne?
- What does Anne ask for in the prayer she says in front of Marilla?
- How does Anne respond when Marilla tells her she can stay at Green Gables?

Analysis:

- What is the most likely reason why Matthew tells Marilla that he's going to hire Jerry Buote for the summer?
- How does Marilla respond when Mrs. Blewett offers to take Anne? What does this response reveal about how she is feeling about Anne at this point?
- What does Anne's story about Katie Maurice and Violetta reveal about Anne and what she wishes for?

Personal Connection:

- Anne imagines what it would be like to be a bee or a seagull. If you could spend a day as any animal, what animal would you pick and why?