

***Jane Eyre*, Study Guide #4 (Chapters 28-35)**

1. Life as a journey is a **metaphor**, or comparison, that many fiction writers use. As you read the next part of *Jane Eyre*, think about the life-as-journey metaphor. With whom or what does Jane struggle in this section? Explain how this struggle is a metaphor for her life's journey.
  
2. Vocabulary:  
    approbation  
    austere  
    averse  
    despots  
    discourse  
    famished  
    fetters  
    inexorable  
    stoicism
  
3. What happens to Jane on the way to Marsh End? How does Jane respond to the Rivers family?
  
4. How does St. John help Jane? What news does he bring to Jane? What does Jane's reaction to the news reveal about her?
  
5. Why does St. John ask Jane to come to India with him? How does she answer him? What do you think Jane means when she says, "If I join St. John, I abandon half myself?"
  
6. Jane comes close to changing her mind about joining St. John. Why? What does her response to the voice she hears suggest about her values and feelings? What conflicts seem to be troubling her?
  
7. Did any events in Chapters 28–35 seem unrealistic, or improbable, to you? Explain fully. If they are unbelievable, explain why they still fit in this novel.

**Characterization:** Chapter 28 introduces St. John Rivers, another character who will become significant in Jane’s life. As you read, make notes in the chart below about St. John’s appearance, manner or mood, past life, and goals. Consider what St. John does and says about himself as well as what other characters observe about him.

<b>Physical Appearance</b>	<b>Manner or Mood</b>
<b>St. John</b>	
<b>Past Life</b>	<b>Goals</b>