

BEGINNER LEVEL

Lorna Doone by R.D. Blackmore

A Before Reading

- 1 Read about the story on the back cover. Read the list of chapter titles on the Contents page. Who is going to tell this story?
- 2 Look at these pictures and make some guesses. What is happening in each picture?



B While Reading

- 3 Read to the end of Chapter 3. Here are three dates. For each date, write about an important event in John Ridd's life.

1673

1676

1683

- 4 Read to the end of Chapter 4. Judge Jeffreys asks John Ridd a lot of questions. But he also wants him to do two important things. What are these things? Write down the judge's words.
- 5 Read to the end of Chapter 7. Now put these sentences in the correct order:

	(a) I lifted Lorna in my arms, and Gwenny followed us outside to the sledge.
	(b) 'Sweet child,' she said. 'You are welcome here.'
	(c) 'Kill every man in the house,' said the voice of Carver Doone.
	(d) 'I'm in danger here, John. You must help me.'
	(e) Suddenly I saw Carver Doone standing near the trees.
1	(f) 'I do love you, John,' said Lorna. 'But we can never get married.'
	(g) We did not chase Carver and his men. But the Doones had lost a fight.
	(h) 'John Ridd, why do you meet Lorna?'
	(i) 'Ten men are crossing the river now,' she said quietly.
2	(j) I waited in the dark, near the house.
	(k) 'I must leave tomorrow, but six of my soldiers will stay here with you.'
	(l) 'And I want to marry Annie, Mrs Ridd,' he said to her.

6 Read to the end of Chapter 8. Look at the illustration on page 40. Another picture is connected with this illustration. Which is it?

C After Reading

7 Here are *The People in This Story*. Think about the end of the story. Now write next to each picture, D, A or ?

D = dead at the end of the story. A = alive at the end of the story. ? = disappeared from the story before the end. Also write M next to the people who are married at the end of the story.



John Ridd



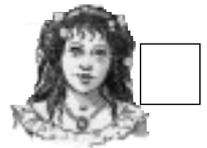
Annie Ridd



Gwenny



Jan Fry



Lorna



Tom Faggus



Jeremy



Sir Ensor Doone



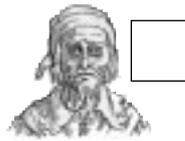
Judge Jeffreys



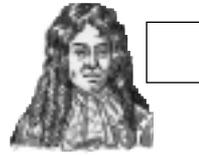
Mrs Ridd



Carver Doone



Lord Brandir



King James



Queen Mary

8 Why are these things important in the story?

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| (a) a ring with a blue stone | (d) a bird's nest |
| (b) a horse called Winnie | (e) the death of a baby |
| (c) a black coat on a white rock | (f) some missing letters from Lorna to John |

9 Look again at pages 37 and 38 and pages 54 and 55. These pictures are continuity strips. Choose another part of the story and make a continuity strip about it. Draw the people and write some of their words.

10 In this story, John's family and Lorna's family hate each other. This makes the young people's lives difficult. Do you know any other stories like this? (These can be stories in English or in your own language.)