

1 Complete the information about *The Woman in White*.



The Woman in White ¹ published in the magazine *All the Year Round* in forty weekly parts. The author's friend, Charles Dickens, owned the magazine. It was also published in the United States around the same ² The fact that it was published in sections made readers very excited and helped ³ make it a big success with the public – 'Woman in White' hats and perfume, for ⁴ , were even sold to increase the excitement! The story was published ⁵ a book in 1860 and was one of the very first mystery novels. These kinds of stories have very exciting plots, are usually about ⁶ respectable hiding something and sometimes focus on controversial topics (things people don't always want to talk about). The book has ⁷ made into plays for the theatre, films and TV series a number of times since it was first published. The ⁸ recent series was made by the BBC in 2018.

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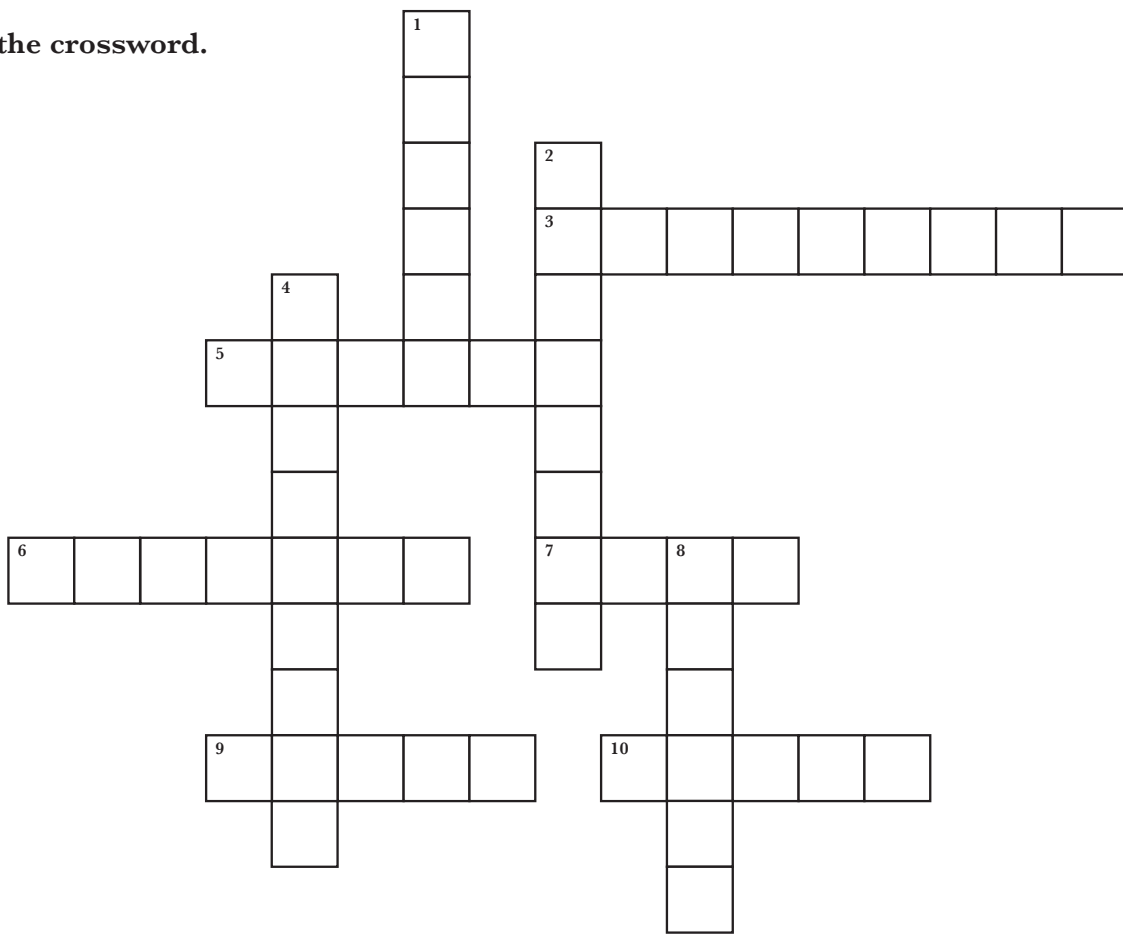
2 Who is the woman in white? Is there more than one woman in white?

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3 Who is the villain (bad character) of the story? Give reasons.

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4 Do the crossword.



Across

- 3** When you feel sad for a long time, sometimes because something bad has happened.
- 5** A person whose mother and father are dead.
- 6** A person who sees something happen.
- 7** A trick that someone prepares to try to catch you.
- 9** Something that can be used to show what is true.
- 10** A long coat without sleeves that you wear on your shoulders.

Down

- 1** A piece of jewellery that you attach to your clothes.
- 2** A person's name and other information about them, such as their appearance.
- 4** The area outside a church where dead bodies are buried.
- 8** In the past, a hospital for people with mental illnesses.

5 Put the events in the correct order (1–10).

- a Fosco is killed.
- b Laura gets married to Sir Percival Glyde.
- c Sir Percival tries to force Laura to sign over her money.
- d Glyde dies in a fire in a church.
- e Hartright forces Fosco to confess.
- f Walter Hartright meets Anne Catherick.
- g Marian Halcombe hears Glyde and Fosco planning murder.
- h Anne Catherick dies.
- i Laura inherits Limmeridge House.
- j Laura and Hartright get married.

6 Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Marian Halcombe is Anne Catherick's half-sister.
- 2 The letter Laura received, telling her not to marry, was from Anne Catherick.
- 3 If Laura died, the inheritance would go to Sir Percival Glyde.
- 4 Madame Fosco looks at Marian's letters when they arrive.
- 5 Fosco drugs Laura and takes her to the asylum.
- 6 Anne Catherick is put in Laura's place in the asylum.
- 7 Laura is rescued from the asylum by Walter.
- 8 Fosco is killed by Pesca.
- 9 Sir Percival Glyde forged the information about his parents' marriage in the church register.
- 10 Walter's son will inherit Limmeridge House.

7a Complete the table about the characters in *The Woman in White*.

Character	Good / Bad / Neither	Why?
1 Walter Hartright		
2 Marian Halcombe		
3 Frederick Fairlie		
4 Sir Percival Glyde		
5 Count Fosco		
6 Anne Catherick		
7 Laura Fairlie		

7b Match the quotes to five of the characters (1–7) in 7a.

a I cannot keep it from you any longer. I am miserable. I should never have married Percival! He treats me very badly indeed.

c My dear sister! Keep quiet. I will find a way to get you out of here!

e So ... let's say that your wife died. You would immediately inherit twenty thousand pounds. That's interesting, don't you agree?

b It's very simple! I need thousands of pounds, and you want several hundred, and without the money we are both finished.

d I am determined to prove Laura's identity, and I will find a way.

7c What do the quotes in 7b tell you about each of the five characters?

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7d What has happened to these characters by the end of the story?

1 Walter Hartright	
2 Marian Halcombe	
3 Frederick Fairlie	
4 Sir Percival Glyde	
5 Count Fosco	
6 Anne Catherick	
7 Laura Fairlie	

8 Which of the characters in the story did you like the most? Which did you dislike? Why?

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9 Write a newspaper article about the discovery of the body of Count Fosco in the River Seine. Use quotes from witnesses and mention possible reasons why people might have murdered him. Don't forget to explain the "strange deep, wide cut on the upper inside part of his left arm".

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10 Women in Victorian England did not have a lot of control over their lives. Laura is an example of most Victorian women – she does what she is asked and she doesn't ask questions. Marian is not like most Victorian women – she has her own ideas and she questions things. Compare Laura and Marian.

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