

The Character of Miss Havisham

The following are statements about Miss Havisham, however only some are true. Decide which ones are true and which ones are false. When you have picked out the true statements decide what the information shows us about the character of Miss Havisham.

Statement	T/F
She has never been married.	
She has been married three times.	
She is a widow.	
She is bitter about what happened to her.	
She “seemed composed of circles, a cottage-loaf of a woman.”	
Her house is run down.	
Her house is neglected.	
Her garden is neglected.	
She still wears her wedding dress.	
She is bitter about what happened to her husband.	
She treats Pip cruelly to gain her revenge on men.	
She constantly watches people.	
“Her eyes investigated, quick as mice.”	
She has five children.	
“She had not quite finished dressing, for she had but one shoe on – the other was on the table near her hand.”	
The story is set in the late twentieth century.	
The story is set in the mid-nineteenth century.	
At the end of the story she dies.	
At the end of the story she begs for forgiveness.	
At the end of the story she has not changed at all.	
Her house is called Workington House.	
“I saw that the bride within the bridal dress had withered like the dress, and like the flowers, and had no brightness left but the brightness of her	

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Statement	T/F
sunken eyes.”	
She has a “weird smile”.	
When she realises what she has done, her face “resolved into a ghastly stare of pity and remorse.”	
She falls to her knees to beg forgiveness.	
There are mice, spiders and beetles running all over the table.	
The house smells of fish and chips.	
Her husband was in the army.	
Her house is called Satis House.	
She dislikes nearly everyone.	
She has “a sympathy with young people.”	
She cries out “What have I done! What have I done!’ She wrung her hands , and crushed her white hair, and returned to this cry over and over again. ‘What have I done!’”	
She keeps chocolates in the house for visitors.	
She keeps wedding cake in the house for visitors.	
She is a kind hearted woman who has never harmed anyone.	
All the clocks in her house have stopped.	
All her furniture comes from Ikea.	
The incident occurred in 1942.	
Initially she seems a polite, kind woman.	
She tells her story very calmly, as if it was not important.	
She always speaks angrily about what happened to her.	
Her armchair is a “chintzy mass”.	
She laughs when she talks about what happened.	
She enjoys other people’s suffering.	
She brings her adopted daughter up to behave cruelly towards men.	
She avoids all contact with the outside world and does not even know what day it is.	