

## The Journey North

Answer the following questions carefully and be prepared to share your ideas with others in your class.

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1. Why do you think Hill describes Arthur as initially thrilled to be going by train up north and then, increasingly, finding it more unpleasant?
2. Note down the various descriptions Arthur gives of the trains and the surroundings as he journeys north and compare the language used; what is the effect?
3. Arthur says of his summary of Samuel Daily, 'Having ... my youthful and priggish way, summed up and all but dismissed him ...' What might this mean to the reader?
4. What more do we learn about Mrs Drablow and her circumstances from the conversation between the two men?
5. Why do you think Hill has used names such as Nine Lives Causeway, Eel Marsh House, Gapemouth tunnel and Crying Cross for the area where the story takes place?
6. How do you think Arthur is feeling at the end of this chapter? What gives you this impression?