

novel that blends drama, mystery and social commentary. It's both a critique of societal flaws and an engaging tale of human relationships.

Set in 18th century England, the novel involves around the interminable legal case of *Hardy and Gurney*, which entertains the lives of multiple characters. At the heart of the story are *Ester Summerson*, the blind and resilient narrator, and her guardian, *Mr. Gurney*. As secrets unravel and lives intersect, the novel explores themes of justice, class disparity and morality, all against the backdrop of the foggy, corrupt legal system. I really enjoyed reading this story but I had parts that I liked and did not. For example, I got confused about the relationships of *Ester* and *Mr. Gurney*, how they change from being orphan and guardian to lovers and return back to being orphan and guardian. I think their relationship is absurd and I hoped that story would end differently. One of my favorite parts is *Ester's* journey of self-discovery as she learns about her past and becomes strong and independent woman. Another highlight is the description of the *Chancery Court* which serves as a powerful symbol of bureaucracy and decay. The dramatic revelation of *Lady Dedlock's* secret is another unforgettable moment, packed with emotion and suspense. *Bleak House* is a fascinating story with a rich

tapestry of characters and themes. Dickens's masterful storytelling and sharp critique of the legal system make it both thought-provoking and entertaining. The vivid descriptions and emotional depth draw readers into the world of 19th century England. Despite its length, the novel remains compelling from the start to the end.

I would recommend the book, *Bleak House*, to readers who love classic literature and intricate storytelling. It's perfect for those who prefer unpredictable plots, criticism and unforgettable characters.

Tr: fully addresses all aspects of the task - 9/5

C/C: clearly organized ideas uses a range of cohesive devices - 9/5

Lex: wide range of advanced vocabulary - 9/5

Gram: range of advanced grammatical structures - 9/5
2 out of 2.

Assessment criteria

	Task response	Coherence and cohesion	Lexical resource	Grammatical range and accuracy	Total
Writing	0.5 95	0.5 95	0.5 95	0.5 95	5 15
Reading	Correct answers: 15		Incorrect answers: 0		3 13

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Part II. Writing (2 points)

Write the review of the book "Bleak House" (at least 200 words).

- **Introduction** (title, author, present the genre of the book and the year of the publication)
- **Summary** (summarize the main idea, themes and main characters' description)
- **Evaluation** (your overall opinion about the book, it's style and strong points of the writer's tone of writing)
- **Conclusion** (Restate your overall opinion of the book and briefly present your recommendations to other readers)

Bleak house, written by Charles Dickens
in 1853, is a complex and gripping