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Book the 1st Active Reading Guide

1. What is the significance of the title of Book the First, "Recalled to Life"? (Why is it titled that?)

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2. What is the subject of Jarvis Lorry's dream? How does this relate to the literal events of the story?

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| A. Subject of dream: |
| B. Relation to the literal events: |
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3. Which family has Dr. Manette been staying since his release from prison? In what activity does his hostess constantly engage?

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| A. He's staying with the |
| B. The wife of the pair is constantly |

4. Think of the scene in which the residents of Saint Antoine scurry after the spilled wine. What does the behavior of the residents suggest to you about them?

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5. Discuss the following topics present thus far in the novel: Hint: a theme is a sentence, so make these topics into sentences to reveal the themes present in the book. How does Dickens convey the below ideas?

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| Duality of nature: People have two sides, like a yin and yang. They can be good or evil.  |
| Resurrection: |
| Tyranny and Revolution: |
| Secrecy and Surveillance: |
| Imprisonment: |
| Fate and History: |

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In *A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens uses vivid and often terrifying **descriptive details** to set a scene, create atmosphere, or portray a character. In Chapter 5, the description of the misery in the Saint Antoine district of Paris around the wine shop and the Defarges' filthy staircase convey, in a typical Dickensian style, the horror of those two places. Use the chart below to make a word web of related **descriptive words and phrases** that help you visualize the scene. **(HINT: USE THE ACTUAL TEXT)**

