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A Tale of Two Cities, Book the Second, Chapters 1-13

In these chapters of *A Tale of Two Cities*, events occur that have been caused by prior events and that will profoundly influence events that happen later in the story. Use the chart on this page to keep track of the causes of the events listed.

Event	because	Cause
Darnay is on trial	because	<i>Two spies gave evidence against him</i>
Darnay is found innocent	because	
Dr. Manette turns pale in the garden	because	
The Marquis's trip to the country is interrupted	because	
The mender of roads stares at the Marquis's carriage	because	
Two places are set for dinner at the Marquis's chateau	because	
Another "stone face" is added to the chateau	because	
Lorry must dissuade Stryver from proposing to Lucie	because	
Darnay does not tell Dr. Manette his real name	because	
Carton admires and loves Lucie	because	

1. To which person does the title of the Second Book refer? _____
2. Why has Charles Darnay given up his inheritance? _____

3. What is Darnay's uncle's reaction to this? A. _____ then he says B. _____
4. What does Sydney Carton say he will do for Lucie at the last chapter of this section? _____
5. Is Sydney Carton trustworthy? _____ because _____

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A Tale of Two Cities, Book the Second, Chapters 14-24

Some of the most memorable scenes in *A Tale of Two Cities* portray mobs. In Chapter 14 of this selection, an English mob follows the coffin of a dead spy. In Chapters 21 and 22, the French mob storms the Bastille and engages in a spree of revolutionary violence. When you read the chapters in this section, use the chart below to write down **the words and phrases Dickens uses** to describe each mob.

Hint: THE ACTUAL TEXT

The English Mob	The French Mob

1. How do the two mobs compare? _____
2. What might Dickens be saying about the French and English?

3. What is Jerry Cruncher's secret nighttime activity? _____
4. What important theme of the novel does this activity reinforce? _____
5. What hidden function does Madame Defarge's constant knitting serve?

6. In what way does the knitting affect the life of Charles Darnay?

7. Where does Monsieur Defarge ask a guard to take him during the attack on the Bastille? _____ and this is important because _____

8. What does he do there? _____
9. Why is that significant to past events? _____