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Passages for Précis

1. 'By sunrise he had reached a small wood...and tell him how I have paid you.' (pp. 15-17)
2. 'While they were talking they saw coming along the road...you owe your freedom to me.' (pp. 29-31)
3. 'That afternoon Don Quixote had a new idea... nobler than any princess.' (pp. 55-57)
4. 'That evening Don Quixote went to bed early... and not let him escape again.' (pp. 67-70)
5. 'When the house-keeper went to see her master... I wish to confess and make my will.' (pp. 87-88)

Topics for Essays

1. Did Don Quixote always behave honourably? Illustrate your answer with references to some of the stories.
2. Do you think Sancho Panza was almost as foolish as his master (see p. 23), or was he really quite sensible?
3. Describe in your own words the meeting and fight between Don Quixote and the Knight of the Mirrors.
4. Tell the story of Samson Carrasco's attempts to stop Don Quixote's mad behaviour. Write as if you were Samson Carrasco yourself.
5. Write a short article for a newspaper announcing the death of Don Quixote, and saying a little about his life.