

Student Essay on "Great Expectations": Opening Passage

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Essay

Charles Dickens wrote "Great Expectations" using Pip as the first person and through him, give the reader Pip's perception and point of the story. The opening chapter uses a high range of vivid imagery and very clearly illustrates the setting, as well as its mood. In the first paragraph we are thrown into a window to see a glimpse of Pip's past and not a very pleasant one it was. We immediately know that Pip is an orphan and that all of his five siblings are dead. The author's intent was to create sympathy for Pip and this he has done very well. For now the reader, at such an early point in the story already feels some pity and sympathy for Pip.