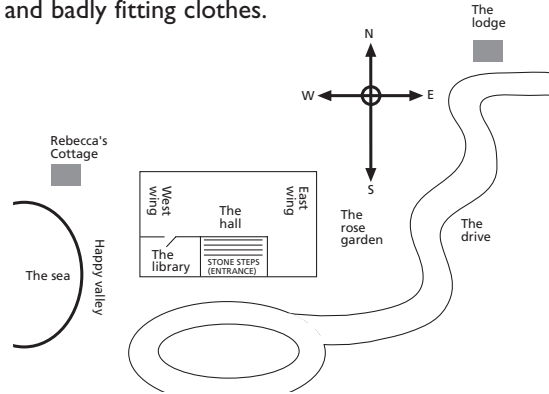


Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

- 1 *Student's own answer. Possible answers:* thoughtful, lonely, peaceful, calm, sad
- 2 *Student's own answer.*
- 3 *Student's own answer. Details needed:* Mrs Van Hopper met Max de Winter in Monte Carlo, she caught 'flu and was ill in bed and looked after by a nurse. While she was ill, her companion got to know Max and now she is going to marry him and live at Manderley. Mrs Van Hopper is angry that someone so young and unimportant, who she has treated badly, has 'caught' a rich, handsome man.
- 4 *Chapter 5: pages – 27:* shy and afraid again/awkward and shy; *31:* began to feel that Manderley was really my home; *33:* shivered as though a door had opened behind me. *Chapter 5: pages – 31:* too afraid to ask; *34:* I did not feel very happy; *35:* felt very stupid. *Chapter 7: page 40:* She (Mrs Danvers) frightens me a little. *Chapter 8: page 44:* The Happy Valley was the heart of Manderley, the Manderley I would soon know and love. *Chapter 9: page 49:* I tried to keep back my tears. *Chapter 10: page 53:* ashamed of all my questions. *Chapter 11: pages – 54:* began to lose my fear of her. (Mrs Danvers); *55:* I wanted to be happy/suddenly very frightened; *57:* I am afraid of her/I looked nervously at Maxim/I felt like a child again; *58:* I can't help being shy/I felt cold and frightened/You know I love you more than anything else in the world/I love Manderley too. *Chapter 12: pages – 60:* I felt happier than I had ever been at Manderley; *62:* I did not like him at all; *64:* I felt afraid; *67:* I felt sick and ill. *Chapter. 13: pages – 69:* I missed Maxim and felt lonely without him; *70:* the look in her eyes frightened me/I missed you so much/I felt I was growing up a little more every day. *Chapter 14: page 75:* very excited. *Chapter 15: page 79:* eyes full of tears. *Chapter 16: pages – 83:* I was too young for Maxim. I knew too little about the world; *84:* Maxim doesn't love me. He loves Rebecca. He's never loved me; *85:* I felt she knew about my tears; *86:* suddenly very angry and not afraid of Mrs Danvers any more; *88:* The thick fog made me forget my unhappiness. *Chapter 17: pages – 90:* I felt as though I had just woken up from a long sleep. Nothing else mattered if Maxim was safe; *91:* a strange fear began to fill my heart; *93:* I felt, for the first time, that it was my home, I felt that I was waiting for something – something terrible; *94:* very afraid.
- 5 *Student's own answer. To answer (b) student must ask and answer questions such as:* Does the Narrator stay with Maxim? What does Maxim do now? Is Maxim tried for the murder of Rebecca? Is he convicted or does he get away with the murder? What do Mrs Danvers and Jack Favell do?
- 6 *Frank Crawley:* a thin man with a pleasant, worried face. *Max:* a dark-haired handsome man. His face was pale. *Beatrice:* tall, broad-shouldered and very much like

Maxim. *Frith:* An old man with a kind face.
Ben: His face was fat and round and he had thick, red lips. *Favell:* ... big, handsome man ... and his eyes were a hard blue. *Mrs Danvers:* A tall, thin woman dressed in black. *Narrator:* awkward and shy ... straight hair and badly fitting clothes.

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- 8 *Student's own answer. Possible answers:* Perhaps the author wanted to show how weak and unimportant a person the Narrator felt herself to be compared to Rebecca. Rebecca often seems more real than the Narrator does. The Narrator seems very young and helpless. It does seem to be a good idea. We 'see' the story very much through the Narrator's eyes and experience her feelings so we feel sympathy for her. Maybe we also feel some irritation because she is so helpless and afraid.
- 9 *Student's own answer. Details needed: Students must decide on a suitable order for these details in a newspaper article.*
Rebecca's death: suicide after she discovered she was terminally ill. She went out in her boat, shut herself inside, made holes in the bottom so it sank. *the wreck:* Rebecca's boat was found after divers went down to look at the wreck of a boat which went down in the bay near Manderley. *the body in the boat* is found to be Rebecca's. *the inquest:* Tabb the boat-builder says that there were holes in the bottom of the boat and the sea-cocks were turned on. Maxim is questioned. The Coroner asks if Maxim and Rebecca were happily married. His wife faints. The Coroner decides that Rebecca committed suicide. *Maxim's second marriage:* Maxim married a second time ten months after Rebecca's death. He married a woman much younger than himself who he met in France and brought to Manderley recently.
- 10 *Student's own answer. Students could choose famous actors and friends or other students for the different parts, basing their choices on age, appearance, other parts played in films, theatres or on TV.*
List of characters: The narrator, Maxim de Winter, Frank Crawley, Jack Favell, Mrs Danvers, Mrs Van Hopper, Ben, Beatrice Lacy, Giles Lacy, Colonel Julian, Clarice (the maid), Robert (the servant), Doctor Baker, the Coroner, Tabb the boat-builder, Jasper the dog. *Others:* visitors to Manderley, guests at the ball.

