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6. Topic

Explanatory Question
from "Wuthering Heights"
by Emily Bronte

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No, God won't have satisfaction that I shall," he returned. "I only wish I knew the best way! Let me lone and I'll plan it out! While I'm thinking of that I don't feel pain.

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These lines have been taken from one of the celebrated Victorian novel entitled Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte.

Heathcliff, the principal character of the novel was a gipsy child wandering about the street of Liverpool. Out of pity Mr. Earnshaw brought him home. Everybody except Mr. Earnshaw abhorred him. After the death of Mr. Earnshaw, his son Hindley became the master of Wuthering Heights. He began to illtreat Heathcliff to the best of his capacity. He employed him as a labourer on his farm house and made him work like a domestic servant. Above all, he spared no opportunity of thrashing him. Excessive illtreatment soursed

in Heathcliff ² a spirit of revenge, which we find in the novel, was never extinguished. Once, after receiving a sound thrashing from Hindley, he began to contemplate how he could be avenged on him. When Helly said that it was not his, but God's business to punish the wrong-doer. The present explanatory lines are the ~~consequence~~ retaliation of Helly's remark. He is planning in the best possible way to revenge.

The prolonged ill-treatment of Hindley for Heathcliff provides a critical turn of the novel. Hindley showed the seed of hateful treatment and Heathcliff plans to reap a good harvest in the form of revenge.
