

How far is it correct to sympathise with Heathcliff? We sympathise with Heathcliff not to admire him or to encourage him or defend him or agree with him, but to give him our inmost sympathy, to continue in an obscure Way to identify ourselves with him against the other characters. For what Heathcliff does is to use against his enemies with Complete ruthlessness their own weapons, to turn on them their own Standards, to beat them at their own game.