

A Tale of Two Cities: Book II Chapter 2

I. Terms

Old Bailey-London's historic main criminal court on Old Bailey Street.

Tyburn-public hangings in London took place at gallows called the Tyburn Tree until 1783.

Pillory-a device consisting of a wooden board with holes for the head and hands, in which petty offenders were formerly locked and exposed to public scorn; the stocks.

a trap-a hinged or sliding door in a roof, ceiling or floor, which lifts or slides to cover an opening.

Bedlam-the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlehem, a London insane asylum, where Londoners went to watch the mentally unstable for entertainment.

II. Questions

1. What is Dickens's tone in this chapter? How does he convey his tone? Use textual evidence to support your claim.

2. What precisely is the charge against Darnay?