

Name _____ **Juxtaposition**



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Juxtaposition means the placement two things next to or near each other in order to show their similarities and their differences. In literature, writers use the juxtaposition of objects, characters, ideas, etc. to create deliberate differences which will provoke thought in the reader.

Read the opening paragraph of the novel *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens. Identify seven juxtapositions in the paragraph.

1. _____ and _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

What is the effect of the juxtapositions? Why do you think Dickens begins the novel in this way?