

## Introduction



John Bunyan was born in the small village of Elstow, England, in 1628. He was the son of a poor tinker (a traveling mender of pots and pans) and received very little formal education. During the English Civil War, he joined the Parliamentary Army. Bunyan moved back to Elstow after the war and resumed his father's trade as a tinker.

In his autobiography, *Grace Abounding*, Bunyan described himself as a reckless, rebellious young man. Nonetheless, after his conversion to Christianity, Bunyan began fervently embracing the teachings of Scripture and passionately preaching. However, because he was preaching without a license, Bunyan was imprisoned several times. During his imprisonment in 1676, he began to write *Pilgrim's Progress*.

While writing *Pilgrim's Progress*, Bunyan drew mainly from his knowledge of the Bible. Thus, there are many references to Bible verses and Bible stories scattered throughout the book. Bunyan also wrote *Pilgrim's Progress* as an **allegory**, a literary device that uses the characters and settings of the story to represent or express deeper truths.

Over 300 years later, *Pilgrim's Progress* still remains a defining book in English literature. It is one of the best-selling books of all time, the Bible being the first. In *Dangerous Journey*, Oliver Hunkin has used the exact words of John Bunyan to depict the journey of Christian as he travels from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City.

## Comprehension Questions

After reading the introduction in the study guide and in *Dangerous Journey*, answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who is the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*?

---

---

2. Where and when was John Bunyan born?

---

---

3. In what war did John Bunyan fight?

---

---

4. What is a tinker?

---

---

5. How did John Bunyan describe himself in his autobiography?

---

---

6. When did John Bunyan begin to change his ways?

---

---

---

7. Why was John Bunyan imprisoned?

---

---

8. What did John Bunyan begin writing while in prison?

---

---

9. What was the main source that Bunyan used while writing *Pilgrim's Progress*?

---

---

10. What is an allegory?

---

---

---

## Reading Notes

<b>settle his brains</b>	calm his mind
<b>wicket-gate</b>	a gate built into a large wall
<b>bog</b>	wet, marshy ground

## Characters

Christian	Obstinate	Help	Mr. Legality
Evangelist	Pliable	Mr. Worldly Wiseman	

## Vocabulary

1. he broke out with a **lamentable** cry \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sometimes they would **deride** him \_\_\_\_\_
3. **discoursing** all the while \_\_\_\_\_
4. the Slough of **Despond** \_\_\_\_\_
5. a very **judicious** man \_\_\_\_\_

## Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is the name of Christian's city and what does he learn of its fate?

---

---

---

2. What is Christian desperate to get rid of?

---

---

3. How does Evangelist instruct Christian to get rid of his burden?

---

---

---