

UNIT-2A

CHARACTER SKETCH OF OLIVER TWIST

Oliver Twist is a boy of between nine and twelve years of age. He is an orphan born in a workhouse. He is treated with cruelty and is surrounded by coarseness for most of his life.

He is very polite, pious, tender and an innocent child. He is not well-educated. He is also abused and manipulated.

Though he is the main protagonist of the novel but his fate never seems to help him.

CHARACTER SKETCH OF MR. BUMBLE

Mr Bumble is the fictional character in the novel by Charles Dickens.

He is the parish beadle in the town where Oliver is born. He makes recurrent appearance in the novel.

He behaves in an inhuman manner. He is portrayed in a light vein and is the chief source of comic relief in the novel.

Physically he is a fat man with his official dress that of a magnificent coat with its gilt-edged lapel and beautiful buttons. He is a prideful man who sternly rules over the orphans. He is responsible for serving food to the orphans in the work house.

He enjoys his power that he receives and manages others in an authoritative way.

CHARACTER SKETCH OF MR.LIMBKINS

He is the member of the board of the workhouse. He is the one who gets surprised when he comes to know that Oliver has asked for more and says that the boy will be hung.

It resembles that he has a heart of stone.

