

Characters in Middlemarch

Mr. Bambridge The local horse dealer, who has a habit of lending money to young, hedonistic men such as Fred Vincy.

Dorothea Brooke Niece of Arthur Brooke. Marries Edward Casaubon.

Celia Brooke Dorothea's sister. Marries Sir James Chettam

Arthur Brooke Owner of the Tipton Grange estate and the local paper *The Pioneer*. He is responsible for Dorothea and Celia's education and care after their parents die young.

Nicholas Bulstrode A wealthy banker who made his fortune as a pawnbroker selling stolen goods. Married Harriet Vincy.

Mrs. Harriet Bulstrode Walter Vincy's sister. She is kind and loyal to her husband, even after scandal breaks out.

Rev. Edward Casaubon A 45-year-old bachelor. Wealthy and high-ranking, but socially awkward and dull. The owner of Lowick Manor. Working on *The Key to All Mythologies*.

Humphrey Cadwallader The rector at Tipton Grange and a friend of the Brooke family.

Mrs. Elinor Cadwallader Humphrey's wife and a friend of the Brooke family. She was born into a noble family but "married down;"

Sir James Chettam A wealthy and charming young man whose estate Freshitt borders Mr. Brooke's. He initially pursues Dorothea and seems to be deeply in love with her. After she rejects him he marries Celia.

Lady Chettam Sir James Chettam's mother. She becomes the Dowager Lady Chettam after Sir James marries Celia.

Mr Chichely The coroner. A middle-aged bachelor and courting comrade of Walter Vincy.

Mr Crowse A curate

Mr. Dagley One of Mr. Brooke's impoverished tenants.

Mr. Dover The local silversmith.

Mr. Dunkirk befriended the young Bulstrode and made him the accountant of his pawnbroking business which was involved with stolen goods.

Mrs. Dunkirk The wife of Mr. Dunkirk. Following her husband's death she married Bulstrode.

Rev Camden Farebrother The vicar of St Botolph's in Middlemarch. A bachelor. Kind and helpful.

Mrs. Farebrother Camden's mother. She is a friendly but socially conservative woman.

Winifred Farebrother Camden's unmarried sister.

John Featherstone Son of Solomon Featherstone

Peter Featherstone A very rich and widely disliked man who owns Stone Court. Married to (1) Caleb Garth's sister. (2) Lucy Vincy's sister. No children apart from illegitimate son Joshua Rigg.

Solomon Featherstone A landowner opposed to the railway, and one of Mr. Featherstone's relatives.

Mrs Fitchett The lodge keeper on Casaubon's estate.

Mr Freke The "brick and mortar incumbent" at Middlemarch

Caleb Garth A kind, honest, hardworking, and generous man, passionate about "business," (the word he uses to describe working in construction and the development of land) but a poor businessman.

Susan Garth Wife of Caleb Garth. Former schoolteacher.

Christy Garth Caleb's eldest son, an academic excelling in languages.

Mary Garth Caleb's eldest daughter. She is plain but intelligent, pragmatic, honest, and honorable. She cares for Featherstone while he is dying.

Alfred, Ben and Letty Garth Younger children of Caleb and Susan Garth.

Mr. Hackbutt A rich farmer in Middlemarch.

Frank Hawley A lawyer and Town Clerk of Middlemarch. Enemy of Bulstrode.

"Young" Hawley His son, a trainee lawyer.

Mr. Horrock The veterinarian in Middlemarch.

Julia Ladislaw Will's grandmother and Casaubon's great-aunt. Born into a high-ranking and prosperous family, she married a poor Polish musician and was subsequently disowned by her relatives.

Sarah Ladislaw (née Dunkirk) Will's mother. The Dunkirk family made their money through pawning stolen goods. When Sarah learns about this she runs away from home and becomes an actress.

Will Ladislaw Casaubon's young cousin. A romantic and earnest idealist. His paternal grandmother Julia married a poor Polish musician, which causes her wealthy family to disown her.

Mr Larcher Described as "the eminent carrier"

Mrs Lemon runs a fashionable local school.

M. Liret Dorothea's tutor in Lausanne

Dr Tertius Lydgate An idealistic, ambitious young doctor who arrives in Middlemarch hoping to reform the state of medicine in the area. Marries Rosamond Vincy.

Captain Lydgate Tertius Lydgate's high-ranking foppish cousin. Rosamond adores him but Tertius despises him.

Sir Godwin Lydgate Tertius's rich, high-ranking uncle. He refuses to lend Tertius and Rosamond money.

Mr Mawmsey The Middlemarch grocer.

Lord Medicote Donor of land etc for the new hospital.

Dr Minchin A medical man of the old school

Mrs Morgan The governess of Vincy's children..

Adolf Naumann A German painter, a friend of Will Ladislav who also tutors him in art and painting. Naumann is much taken with Dorothea, and regularly mocks Casaubon.

Henrietta Noble Mrs. Farebrother's unmarried sister.

Mr Peacock Retiring head of the medical practice that employs Dr Lydgate.

Ned Plymdale A young, wealthy, and high-ranking bachelor in Middlemarch. He initially courts Rosamond and later marries Sophy Toller.

Selina Plymdale Ned's mother. Friend of Harriet Bulstrode.

Mr Powderell A retired ironmonger.

John Raffles Joshua Rigg's stepfather and a former dodgy business partner of Nicholas Bulstrode.

Mrs Renfrew The widow of Colonel Renfrew, a well known hypochondriac.

Joshua Rigg (later called Joshua Rigg-Featherstone after inheriting his father's land) is the illegitimate son of Mr. Featherstone.

Mr Simmons Featherstone's farm bailiff.

Dr Sprague The senior physician in Middlemarch. One of the older senior doctors whose medical skill is lacking.

Mr Standish Mr. Featherstone's lawyer.

Mrs Strype A washerwoman

Tantripp A servant employed at Lowick Manor. She accompanies Dorothea and Casaubon on their honeymoon.

Mr Tegg A shoemaker whose son is employed by Bulstrode

Rev. Edward Thesiger Rector of St Peter's and Bulstrode's pastor.

Mr. Toller A medical practitioner in Middlemarch.

Sophy Toller A high-ranking young woman who marries Ned Plymdale.

Mrs. Toller Sophy's mother.

Mr Trawley Lydgate's room mate during the period when he was living in Paris.

Borthrop Trumbull The Middlemarch auctioneer and business advisor to Featherstone.

Mr Tucker Curate at Casaubon's estate, Lowick Manor.

Walter Tyke An evangelical clergyman whom Bulstrode favours to be appointed chaplain at the New Hospital. He beats Farebrother to the position after pressure from Bulstrode makes Lydgate reluctantly vote for him.

Thomas Wakely Founder of *The Lancet*.

Mrs Lucy Vincy A wealthy Middlemarch woman whose father was an innkeeper, which embarrasses her daughter Rosamond. She spoils her children, claiming that Fred and Rosamond are the best young man and woman in Middlemarch. She is married to Walter Vincy.

Rosamond Vincy The eldest daughter of Walter and Lucy Vincy. She is renowned for her extraordinary beauty and is also a talented musician. Marries Dr Lydgate.

Fred Vincy The eldest son of Walter and Lucy Vincy. When the novel begins he is lazy, irresponsible, and obnoxious. He has failed his university exam and has thus returned home. He expects to inherit land.

Walter Vincy A wealthy textile manufacturer and mayor of Middlemarch. He and his wife Lucy spoil their children, which he comes to regret when his eldest son Fred fails to enter the church after taking a theology degree.

Mrs Jane Waule Featherstone's sister

John Waule Jane's son

Mr. Wrench The Vincy family's doctor who misdiagnoses Fred's illness and becomes an enemy of Dr Lydgate who gets it right.

SURNAMES NOT GIVEN:

Hiram A wagon-driver in Middlemarch.

Jonas A servant at Tipton Grange

Laure An actress Tertius Lydgate fell in love with while he lived in Paris. During a theatre performance she stabbed her husband (a fellow actor) to death.

Tom Caleb Garth's assistant.