**Top ten features**

**Working in pairs:**
1. Read the list of features below and add an extra point of your own choice if you like.
2. Now **rank order** the features from one to ten, starting with the one that best characterises the novel for you as a reader.
3. For your **top three** features, find evidence from the text to support and explain your choices.
4. Justify your choice to the rest of the group, making use of the evidence you have found.

**This is a novel:**
- that explores Victorian social structures and attitudes
- that is just a love story
- with a complex heroine
- exposing 19th century hypocrisy and repressive morality
- with meaningful and symbolic settings in Lyme
- using hindsight to explore Victorian society
- with interesting epigraphs
- with an intrusive third person omniscient narrator
- using striking imagery to convey its themes
- as much about the present as the past
- in which ......................... (not listed above) is important

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