

### Questions related to *History of Calamities*

1. What is Abelard's scheme in relation to Heloise? Answer by quoting two consecutive sentences from the excerpt.
2. What odd thing (strange to us but not them) did Abelard and Heloise do in order to avoid detection?
3. How much time passed before Fulbert became aware of the illicit relationship, and what did he do when he found out?
4. Why did Abelard take Heloise to his "country" after finding out she was pregnant?
5. In order to appease Fulbert as well as his own conscience, Abelard proposed the idea of a "secret" marriage, which Fulbert accepted. As master of the cathedral school of Notre-Dame, Abelard was required at least to appear to be celibate (unmarried); hence, the idea of the secret marriage, which was not unheard of in those days. Briefly describe the five remaining events leading up to Abelard's castration.