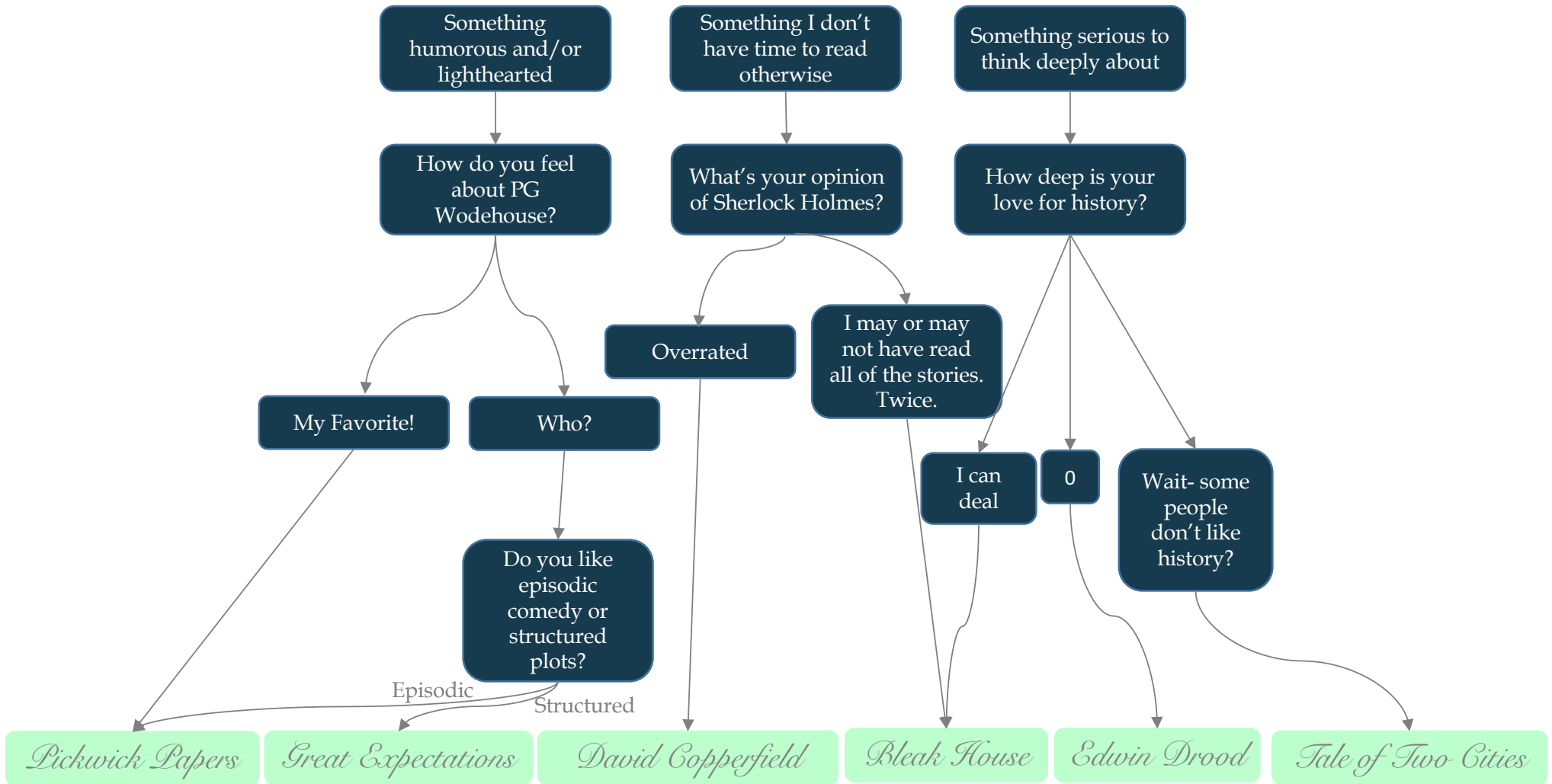


# THE DICKENS BOOK YOU SHOULD READ THIS SUMMER

*What is your ideal summer reading?*



*Pickwick Papers*

An observer of human nature, a posing sportsman, a poet, and a romantic travel the English countryside together. It sounds like the beginning of a joke because it is. One of Dickens's first novels, and definitely one of his most entertaining.

*Great Expectations*

One of Dickens's first-person narratives, this classic coming-of-age novel showcases the world through Pip's eyes, a young blacksmith-turned-gentleman. Some of Dickens's best characters grace the pages (remember Miss Havisham?).

*David Copperfield*

This semi-autobiographical novel is famous for its one-liners ("Barkis is willin'") and consequently Dickens's most memorable characters. If you think summer is nostalgic, this tale is for you.

*Bleak House*

Chesterton called this Dickens's best work. This complex plot combines two of Dickens's favorite things: mystery and the legal system. Not as bleak as the title suggests!

*Edwin Drood*

Dickens's last work-- and it's an unfinished mystery novel. Regardless, his depiction of Cloisterham and its inhabitants is worth a read. & YOU can decide the ending!

*Tale of Two Cities*

This book is famous for a reason. An absolute masterpiece for its take on revolution, resurrection, and redemption. And even if you don't love history--this is worth a read. It is different from Dickens's other works, but I highly recommend.