

GETTING TO KNOW JANE

Jane Austen is one of the best-known English novelists of all time and yet she wrote only six novels. Match the synopses and titles. Look for hints in the movie posters.



- 1) Miss Woodhouse is young, clever, rich and beautiful - and just a little bit spoiled. She lives on an estate with her elderly widowed father. She fancies herself as a matchmaker to her less clever friends and thinks herself very good at it until her schemes go awry.
- 2) At 10, Fanny Price is sent by her impoverished family to live with her aunt's husband, Sir Thomas. As she grows up, she becomes especially close to Edmund, Thomas's son. Thomas promotes this match, but to his dislike, Fanny hesitates as there are more bachelors to choose from. Will Fanny follow her heart's advice?
- 3) Anne Elliot comes from an impoverished aristocratic family. She loves Frederick Wentworth, a young seaman with no position or fortune. Persuaded by her father, she breaks off her engagement with Frederick. Eight years later, Anne meets her true love again. Now, Frederick is a rich and successful captain, and a highly eligible bachelor. Will they be able to rekindle the old flame?
- 4) When Elizabeth Bennet meets single, rich, and proud Mr. Darcy, she falls in love head over hills. But Mr. Darcy is reluctant to share this passion with a woman beneath his class. Can they overcome their own pride and prejudice?
- 5) When Mr. Dashwood dies, his wife and daughters are deprived of inheritance. The young ladies must search for suitable husbands. As they do, they experience love, romance and heartbreaks. The two eldest daughters are the titular opposites.

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IN JANE AUSTEN'S TIME

NOTES FOR TEACHERS

1. Depending on the level of your students, you may need to pre-teach: *to fancy oneself as, a matchmaker, a scheme, to go awry, a match, impoverished, eligible, bachelor, to be deprived of, inheritance, to rekindle.*

2. Ask your students to read the synopses and match them with titles.

Answers: 1. Emma, 2. Mansfield Park, 3. Persuasion, 4. Pride and Prejudice, 5. Sense and Sensibility.

3. Jane Austen wrote six novels, but only five are mentioned in this worksheet. Do your students know which novel is missing?

Answer: Northanger Abbey

4. Ask your students to write in pairs or small groups a synopsis for an imaginary novel (perhaps not necessarily a romance book), which will convince people to buy the book. Ask students to read out their works and vote which book would sell best.