

# Pride and Prejudice

## Study Questions

**Directions:** Answer the questions according to your reading. Complete sentences are NOT necessary, but make sure your answers are thorough. No ONE WORD answers. Even if the question does not ask you to explain, EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.

### Volume 1, Chapter 1 Questions

1. Where does the opening scene take place?
2. What does Mrs. Bennet want her husband to do?
3. Why does Mrs. Bennet seem excited?
4. What does Mrs. Bennet consider to be her mission in life?
5. Why does Mr. Bennet favor Lizzy?
6. Who does Mrs. Bennet say will probably visit Mr. Bingley first?
7. How much money does Mr. Bingley earn annually?
8. What is meant by the word "let" in this sentence? "*Netherfield Park is let at last.*"
9. What does Mrs. Bennet say a woman with five grown daughters should give up?
10. How many years have the Bennets been married?

### Chapters 2-3 Questions

1. How does Mr. Bennet tease his family?
2. What annoying habit does Kitty have?
3. How does Mrs. Bennet show favoritism to Lydia?

4. Why did Bingley turn down the first invitation to dinner?
5. Who came back from London with Bingley?
6. What are the first impressions of most women of Darcy?
7. Who does Bingley find attractive?
8. Why does Elizabeth sit down for two dances?
9. Who overhears Darcy's speech to Bingley? How does she react?
10. What most impresses Mrs. Bennet about Bingley's sisters?

#### **Chapters 4–8 Questions**

1. How does Jane describe Bingley to Elizabeth?
2. What does Elizabeth say Jane never sees?
3. What did Charlotte overhear at the ball?
4. What did Miss Bingley and Mrs. Hurst think of Mrs. Bennet and the younger daughters?
5. At the second ball, what does Darcy do that irritates Elizabeth?
6. What is an entailment?
7. What happens to Jane when she visits Bingley's sisters?

8. How do the Bingley sisters react to Elizabeth's appearance when she arrives at Netherfield?
9. What is the name of Darcy's estate?
10. Who is Mr. Jones and why was he sent for?

### **Chapters 9–12 Questions**

1. How does Mrs. Bennet describe Charlotte?
2. What does Miss Bingley ask Charles?
3. To whom does Darcy compose a letter?
4. Why does Miss Bingley get jealous?
5. What weaknesses do Darcy says expose "a strong understanding to ridicule"?
6. What type of entertainment is usually enjoyed after dinner at Netherfield?
7. How long did Jane stay at Netherfield?
8. Why does Darcy hardly speak to Elizabeth on their last day at Netherfield?
9. Why is Mrs. Bennet upset that the two daughters returned so soon?
10. How do the other daughters react to their reunion?

### **Chapters 13–18 Questions**

1. How long does Mr. Collins plan to visit?
2. What is the first subject Mrs. Bennet discusses with Collins?
3. How does Collins describe young Miss de Bourgh?
4. What is the name of the de Bourgh estate?
5. How does Lydia embarrass Collins?
6. Which daughter is of first interest to Collins?
7. What did Darcy and Wickham do on first meeting?
8. What job had Wickham's father held?
9. Does Bingley have any knowledge of Wickham?
10. What does Miss Bingley say to Elizabeth at the ball?

### **Chapters 19–23 Questions**

1. What is Mr. Collins' first argument to Elizabeth explaining why he should marry?
2. What does Mr. Bennet say to Elizabeth that he will do if she accepts Collins' proposal?
3. What does Wickham say about his absence from the ball?
4. Who sends Jane a letter? Why?
5. Who does the letter imply should receive Mr. Bingley's affections?

6. Who received Mr. Collins' second proposal?
7. Why does Charlotte agree to become married?
8. How does Mrs. Bennet react to Charlotte's marriage plans?
9. How long will Bingley be absent from Netherfield?
10. How does Charlotte's age reflect on her decision to marry?

### **Volume Two, Chapters 1–3 Questions**

1. Who sends Jane a letter from London?
2. What does Elizabeth say to Jane about her feelings toward others?
3. How does Elizabeth describe Mr. Collins?
4. What does Mrs. Gardiner have in common with Wickham?
5. What does Mrs. Gardiner warn Elizabeth about?
6. Who returns from another visit to Hertfordshire?
7. What favor does Charlotte ask of Elizabeth?
8. Who does Jane visit in London?
9. Who does Wickham court?
10. What does Elizabeth confess in her letter to Mrs. Gardiner?

### **Chapters 4–8 Questions**

1. When Elizabeth visits Heresford, where does she stop over?
2. How far was the journey to Collins' parsonage?
3. What do the Gardiners propose to Elizabeth?
4. Who unexpectedly comes to offer dinner?
5. What is Elizabeth's first impression of Miss de Bourgh?
6. How does Lady de Bourgh assess Elizabeth?
7. What games are played after dinner at the fashionable de Bourgh estate?
8. How old is Elizabeth? Why is knowing (or not knowing) her age important at this point in the novel?
9. Who arrives at the de Bourgh's for a visit?
10. Why is Elizabeth attracted to Colonel Fitzwilliam?

### **Chapters 9–12 Questions**

1. Why does Fitzwilliam refrain from marriage?
2. Who does Fitzwilliam remind Elizabeth of?
3. What does Fitzwilliam inform Elizabeth that Darcy has done for Bingley?
4. What is Elizabeth doing just prior to Darcy's proposal?
5. What are the reasons that Darcy feels superior to her?

6. Why does Elizabeth reject his proposal?
7. How does Darcy react to her answer?
8. How does Elizabeth hurt Darcy the most?
9. When Darcy leaves, what does Elizabeth do?
10. When Elizabeth receives Darcy's letter the next day, why does she begin to chastise herself?

### **Chapters 13–19 Questions**

1. What fault did Darcy place on Jane that encouraged him to break up the relationship with Bingley?
2. How much money was Wickham given?
3. When his money ran out, who did Wickham try to win over?
4. What did Elizabeth say had been her folly?
5. Who came to visit Elizabeth while she read and re-read Darcy's letter?
6. What does Lady Catherine ask Elizabeth to do?
7. Why do Elizabeth and Maria stop at the Gardiners on their way home?
8. What news does Lydia give Elizabeth about Wickham?
9. Why are Lydia and Kitty so agitated?
10. What does Elizabeth warn her father about?

### **Volume Three, Chapters 1–5 Questions**

1. What does Elizabeth insist upon before her visit to Pemberley?
2. What does Darcy ask of Elizabeth that totally “floors” her?
3. What do the Gardiners perceive about Darcy?
4. How does Caroline Bingley try to insult Elizabeth?
5. Why does Jane send two letters to Elizabeth?
6. How does Darcy react to this family scandal?
7. What is Mr. Gardiner prepared to do?
8. Why is it unlikely that Wickham will marry Lydia?
9. How does Mrs. Bennet react to this new predicament?
10. What does Elizabeth admire about Pemberley?

### **Chapters 6–10 Questions**

1. Why did Wickham really leave Meryton with Lydia?
2. What does Mr. Collins say about what should be done to Lydia?
3. When Mr. Bennet returns, what does he tell Kitty?
4. Why are Jane and Elizabeth shocked when Mr. Gardiner tells them about the intended marriage?
5. What is one regret Mr. Bennet has about his failure to plan for the future when he was younger?

6. Why was Wickham shipped to a regiment in the north?
7. How do Lydia's actions after her wedding show her true character?
8. Even though promised to secrecy, Lydia blurts out that another person was involved in her wedding. Who was it?
9. How does Elizabeth seek verification of Darcy's part in these arrangements?
10. What does Elizabeth say to Wickham that ensures that she won't talk of his past?

### **Chapters 11–15 Questions**

1. Soon after Lydia leaves with her new husband, who returns to town?
2. What does Mrs. Bennet ask her husband to do? What is his answer?
3. Who did Darcy sit next to when he was invited to the Bennets' for dinner?
4. What does Jane tell Elizabeth about the current status of her relationship with Bingley?
5. When Bingley arrives for his second dinner invitation, what surprises the Bennet family?
6. How was it obvious that Mrs. Bennet wanted to leave Bingley and Jane alone?
7. What does Bingley do after the third dinner at the Bennets?

8. How does Lady Catherine shock Elizabeth when she unexpectedly calls at Longbourn?
9. What does Lady Catherine try to get Elizabeth to promise?
10. Why does Collins send Mr. Bennet a letter?

### **Chapters 16–19 Questions**

1. What does Darcy beg of Elizabeth as they are walking after his aunt's intervention?
2. What do Darcy and Elizabeth both admit?
3. Who are the only people who are not surprised by Elizabeth's engagement to Darcy?
4. How does Mrs. Bennet's reaction to the pairing of Elizabeth and Darcy show more of her shortcomings and shallow character?
5. What does Mr. Bennet warn Elizabeth against?
6. What does Darcy say first attracted him to Elizabeth?
7. What does Elizabeth admit to her father after Darcy's proposal?
8. How does Mr. Bennet's concern differ from his wife's?
9. How does Georgiana accept the marriage?
10. Is Elizabeth able to win over Lady Catherine de Bourgh?