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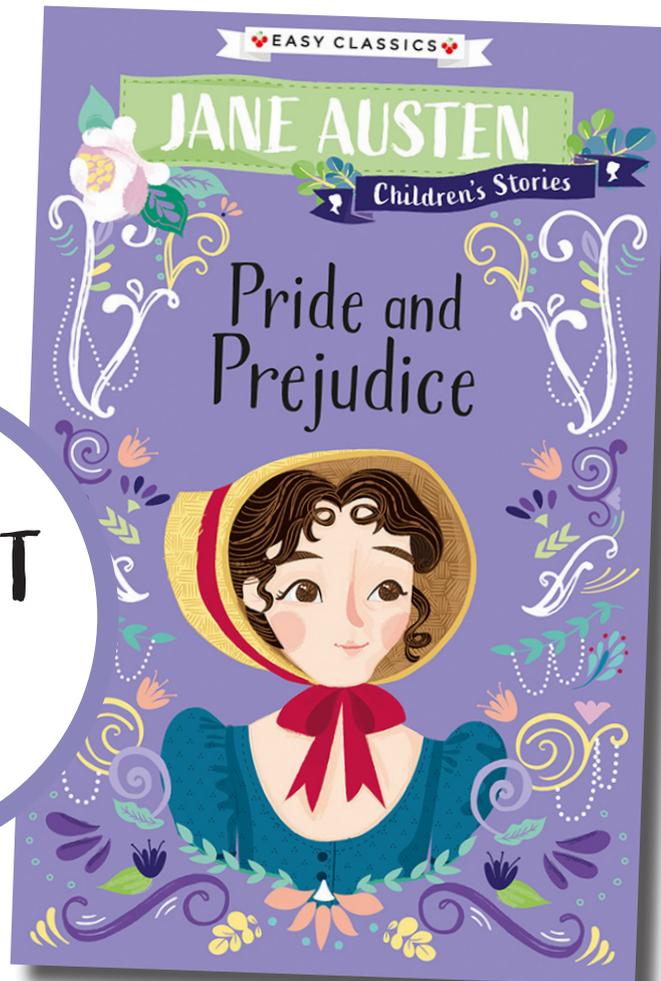


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Children's Stories

Pride and Prejudice

STUDENT
PACK



This activity pack belongs to:

Pride and Prejudice

Vocabulary List

bridesmaids	a girl or woman, usually one of several, who accompanies a bride on her wedding day
clergyman	a person trained for religious service (priest)
intrusion	deliberately entering a place or situation when unwelcome or uninvited
marriage	a legal union of two people as partners in a personal relationship
persuaded	convinced someone to believe something
tolerable	fairly good but not the best
unfortunately	suggests a negative outcome

Pride and Prejudice

Plot Sequencing Activity

Write numbers 1 to 9 in the boxes to put the story in order.

- Mr Bennet's cousin, Mr Collins, visits the Bennets at Longbourn, the family home that he will inherit. He announces he is looking for a wife, which excites Mrs Bennet.
- Elizabeth is introduced to Mr Wickham, then Mr Darcy appears and there is tension between the two men. Elizabeth learns from Mr Wickham that Mr Darcy refused to give him the job that Mr Darcy's father promised him before he died.
- Elizabeth finds out that her sister Lydia has run away to marry Mr Wickham. She now knows Mr Wickham only wants her money, although Mrs Bennet is happy to see one of her daughters married.
- Mr Collins proposes to Elizabeth but she refuses. Mrs Bennet is furious but Mr Bennet supports his daughter's decision.
- Mr Darcy proposes to Elizabeth but she refuses because of his behaviour towards Mr Wickham. In a letter, he tells her the truth how in fact Mr Wickham had run away to marry Mr Darcy's sister for her money.
- Jane and Elizabeth Bennet meet Mr Bingley, who is taken to Jane, but his friend Mr William Darcy, is rude and cold towards Elizabeth.
- Mr Bingley returns to London with no plans to return and Jane is left heartbroken. Elizabeth learns that Mr Darcy was responsible for this.
- Mrs Bennet is excited that Mr Bingley has rented a house in their neighbourhood. He *must* be looking for a wife and she has five single daughters.
- Elizabeth learns that Mr Darcy must have paid Wickham a large sum of money to protect Lydia's reputation. Her feelings towards him soften and she agrees to marry him.

Score: / 9

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Create a comic strip using speech bubbles to retell the story!

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Reading Comprehension Sheet

1. How many daughters does Mrs Bennet have?

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2. Name all the Bennet sisters.

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3. What reason does Mr Wickham tell Elizabeth to explain his cold relationship with Mr Darcy?

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4. Why is Mrs Bennet upset when Elizabeth refuses to marry Mr Collins?

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5. Explain Miss Bingley's feelings towards Elizabeth.

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6. How is Mr Darcy responsible for Jane's heartbreak when Mr Bingley returns to London?

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7. What is the name of Mr Darcy's estate in Derbyshire?

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8. Why does Mr Darcy pay Mr Wickham a sum of money when he marries Lydia?

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9. How many of Mrs Bennet's daughters marry by the end of the story?

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Questions 10-16 refer to Mr Darcy's letter to Elizabeth on page 63.

Miss Bennet,
Do not worry. This letter does not repeat the offer of marriage which was so disgusting to you yesterday. Instead I wish to tell you the truth about my connection to George Wickham.
When my father died, Mr Wickham was given the job of clergyman at the church on my estate at Pemberley. He turned down the job and was given £1000 instead. I did not hear from him again until last summer when my sister, Georgiana, went missing. Mr Wickham had convinced her that he was

in love with her and they had run away to marry. However, when I found them, Wickham admitted that all he wanted was my sister's money.
On the subject of your own sister, Miss Jane Bennet, I admit that I told Mr Bingley she was not in love with him. I had watched her carefully and I could not see any special affection for him. I was worried that she, like your mother, might care more for his money. I acted to protect my friend.
Yours
Fitzwilliam Darcy

- 10. Why does Mr Darcy write Elizabeth this letter?

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- 11. What job did Mr Wickham turn down and where?
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- 12. What was Mr Wickham offered instead?

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- 13. What is the name of Mr Darcy's sister?

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- 14. Why did Wickham want to marry Mr Darcy's sister?

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- 15. What does Mr Darcy admit in the letter?
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- 16. What 3 reasons does Mr Darcy give for his involvement in Jane's heartbreak?

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Score: / 16



