

## ***Pride and Prejudice* Discussion Questions**

1. Would you marry a person who you didn't love but who was rich beyond compare and could fulfill all your dreams and wishes? Do you think Charlotte Lucas made the right choice in her situation?
2. Who is more in the wrong at the beginning of the novel: Darcy for his haughty aloofness or Elizabeth for her quick judgment of Darcy and Wickham?
3. Do you think first impressions are important or overrated? Have you ever had a first impression of someone that turned out to be dead-on? Have you ever been wrong about a person after your first meeting and how did you come to realize that?
4. Obviously, Elizabeth and Darcy are beloved characters, but which smaller character is closest to your heart? Mr. Bennet? Jane? Mrs. Gardiner? Mr. Bingley?
5. Which movie versions have you seen and how do they compare to the world Austen creates? Which actresses and actors embody the characters best?
6. Have you ever gone to Mrs. Bennet's lengths (i.e., sending Jane on horseback in the rain to Netherfield) to secure a match for someone or even for yourself? What were the consequences?
7. A young unmarried woman today won't become destitute without a man, but marriage continues to loom as an expectation. What pressures does marriage put on women today? Are the pressures of dating any different? What pressures do marriage and dating put on men, and are they different from the pressures women face?
8. How would Elizabeth Bennet (and even Jane Austen) fare in today's society?
9. Darcy is often held up as the greatest romantic hero of all fiction. Do you agree? If you could change one thing about him, what would it be?
10. Do you think Lydia Bennet is cruel or just immature? What do you think will come of her marriage to Wickham?
11. Who in the novel lives the most authentic Christian faith?

12. Have you or someone you know had to deal with an "embarrassing" family as Elizabeth and Jane do? Does staying loyal to family mean accepting their behavior? Should Elizabeth and Jane have acted differently?