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## Reading Questions Pride and Prejudice 8-10

### Reading Questions 8

1. The difference is in Elizabeth. Elizabeth is now seeing Mr. Darcy more clearly because her past prejudices are now gone because Mr. Darcy explained the context of Mr. Wickham complaints about Mr. Darcy and his character.

*Elizabeth is now sees him (Mr. Darcy) for who he is. Also seems that Mr. Darcy is making more of an effort to be kind.*

2. Elizabeth feels like Jane and Mr. Wickham running off to get married will ruin her relationship with Mr. Darcy who is or was Mr. Wickham's best friend. This will truly ruin both Elizabeth's and Jane's happiness in their marriages.

*Jane and Elizabeth have both been significantly wronged by their family and shallowness and lack of control. They don't want the reputation of their family to ruin their future marriages.*

### Reading Questions 9

1. Austen is showing us a sharp contrast with Mr. and Mrs. Bennet and Elizabeth and Darcy. The first is an unsuited relationship and the second is a relationship that complements each other. Mr. and Mrs. Bennet's marriage is unsuitable, and they do not complement each other. Mr. Bennet is discontent and does not care what his wife does while his wife is over concerned about marrying off her daughters. This combination brings public shame on the family. In all of this Austen is showing us a relationship that we as readers want to believe will be more successful than Mr. and Mrs. Bennet's marriage.

*Darcy and Elizabeth are different in very compatible ways. The Bennets aggravate each other's flaws. Bingley and Jane are well suited for each other because they are alike.*

2. The prospects of happiness for Lydia and Wickham are low. Wickham is in debt and has a poor past. Lydia is incapable of being shamed. Lydia does not feel embarrassed or guilty for her actions or her character. This combination of Lydia and Wickham, including Wickham's poor past, does not give good odds for a happy marriage. We as readers are left to ask ourselves if this marriage is even more unsuitable, Mr. and Mrs. Bennet.

*Wickham and Lydia will never be happy. Their marriage will be worse than Mr. and Mrs. Bennet.*

3. The similarities in these 3 marriages are that the people were desperate. Another shocking similarity is how all these marriages are so unsuitable. These couples bring each other down when around each other instead of building each other up. These couples are also very dependent on themselves. All these couples have problems. And in the end, they all married for a safe home as was the social custom of this time. We as readers are supposed to question whether or not these marriages are successful or not. Mr. and Mrs. Bennet have five daughters while the other couples have no children. The Collins married not in love but for a safe home for Mrs. Collins. The Wickhams married out of pure infatuation and truly Mr. Wickhams' foolishness and ability to lead Mrs. Wickham on led to a very troublesome marriage. They all in some ways are unhappy with their marriage but still pursued marriage.

*In Mr. and Mrs. Bennet and The Wickhams and the Collins we see that one of the people in the marriage is unaware of the true state of the marriage. Mrs. Bennet cannot see that her husband disdains her. Mr. Collins thinks he and Charlotte have one mind. Lydia has no idea that Mr. Wickham does not care about her. The couples that connect on a personal level like Bingley and Jane, Darcy, and Elizabeth actually understand one another.*

#### Reading Questions 10

1. Elizabeth is the protagonist of this novel. We see her change when she rejudges Darcy's character. Darcy did not change much but Elizabeth's opinion on Darcy changed a lot also context to Darcy's actions justified him. Mr. Bennet stays the same throughout the novel although us as readers realize that his apathy affects his family negatively. Mrs. Bennet does not change that much in this book.

*Mr. Darcy overcame his pride and Elizabeth her Prejudice.*

2. Mr. Bingley and Jane get a happy ending. Elizabeth and Darcy also get a happy ending. Both of these marriages are happy and us as readers expect it to be successful. Mary does not have a happy ending she accepts that she does not have a husband. Lydia is self-proclaimed happy with her marriage.

*The Wickhams will be unhappy because he is greedy and selfish. The Bennets will continue to limp along because Mrs. Bennet is pretty, and Mr. Bennet is lazy. The Collins will never truly understand each other.*

3. The marriage of Charlotte and Mr. Collins shows us a marriage of independence. They do not marry out of love but for social reasons like family connections and wealth. The lesson we can learn is to depend on your significant other and build

each other up. In Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy marriage we see a couple who married for love. A lesson we can learn from them is how they build each other up when around each other. In Mr. And Mrs. Bennets marriage we see Mr. Bennets apathy towards his wife's actions leave her and their daughters exposed to the world. We can learn from this marriage that being compassionate, caring about others, and how they feel can result in a more uplifting marriage.

*The unhappy marriages show us the mistakes that people can make in marriage. Mr. Bennet was fooled by youth and beauty and thinking his wife was something was not. Lydia passions were stronger than her virtue(Behavior). Bingley and Jane show us a couple that complements each other in their similarities. Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth complement each other in their differences.*