

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

A Before Reading

- 1 **Pride and Prejudice** is a very famous book by a famous English writer. But what does the title mean? Find out what the words **pride** and **prejudice** mean before you start reading.
- 2 Here is the beginning of this story.
Everyone knows that a rich, unmarried man must have a pretty wife. And every mother wants her daughters to be happily married. Mr and Mrs Bennet of Longbourn House, in the village of Longbourn, had five unmarried daughters. So, when Mrs Bennet heard that a young man was coming to live in neighbourhood, she was delighted.
Guess what is going to happen. Make three predictions.
I think that ...
I think that ...
I think that ...

B While Reading

- 3 Look at the other side of this worksheet for Question 3.

C After Reading

- 4 Look back at your answer to Question 1. What do **pride** and **prejudice** mean? Which characters showed **pride** and **prejudice** in the story?
- 5 Darcy writes a letter to Lady Catherine about his marriage to Elizabeth. Lady Catherine writes a rude letter to him in reply. Write both these letters.
- 6 Elizabeth Bennet is to marry Mr Darcy. Write two short conversations between two people about this news.
Choose from (a), (b) (c) and (d).
(a) Lydia and Wickham
(b) Mrs Reynolds and a friend
(c) Mrs Bennet and Lady Lucas
(d) Mr Collins and Charlotte
- 7 You are going to direct a film of **Pride and Prejudice**. You have a lot of money, so you can have famous actors in your film.
(a) Make a list of all the people in the film.
(b) Make a list of all the actors who will play these people. Explain why you have chosen these actors.

- (c) You need to have sets for the film – the places where the story happens. Make a list of the different places in the book. Use this to make a list of sets you need for your film. Describe your sets.
- (d) Describe the costumes your actors will wear.
- (e) What else will you need? Make a list.

3 What do you learn about the people in this story? Join the adjective to the name if you think it describes this person. You can use the adjectives more than once.

thoughtful

Elizabeth

intelligent

Darcy

proud

charming

Lady Catherine

silly

weak

Bingley

polite

Mrs Bennet

sensible

talkative

jealous

gentle

Caroline Bingley

Lydia

thoughtless

rude

friendly

Jane

Wickham

unkind

witty

selfish

good-natured

dishonest

prejudiced

quiet

stupid

Mr Collins

These are two more Intermediate Level Guided Readers which you might enjoy:
Silas Marner by George Eliot and *The Enchanted April* by Elizabeth Von Arnim.