Characters in *Pride and Prejudice*

Interrelations

List of Characters

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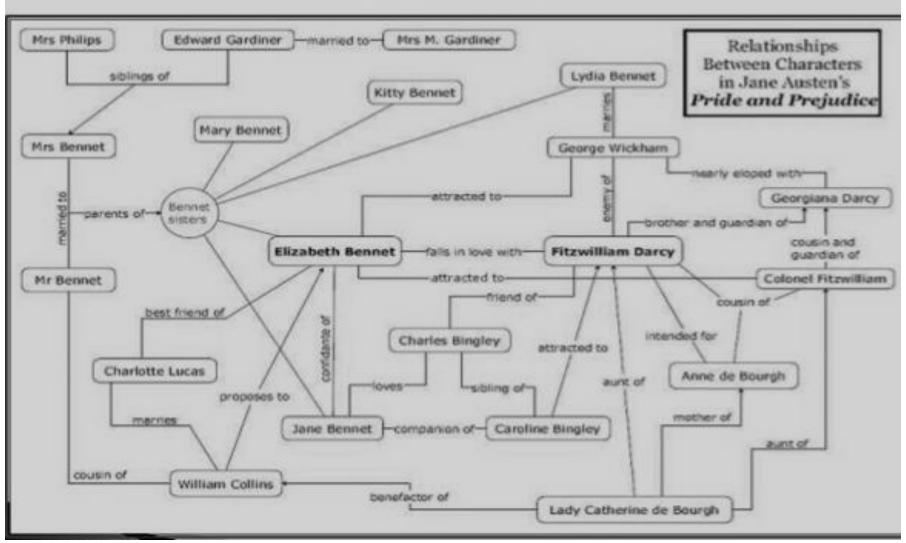
Characters in 'Pride and Prejudice'

- Elizabeth Bennet -
- Fitzwilliam Darcy -
- Jane Bennet
- Charles Bingley
- Mr. Bennet
- Mrs. Bennet-
- George Wickham-
- Lydia Bennet-

- Mr. Collins
- Miss Bingley
- Lady Catherine de Bourgh
- Mr. Gardiner
- Mrs. Gardiner
- Charlotte Lucas
- Georgiana Darcy
- Mary and Catherine Bennet -

Relationship between Characters.

Pride and Prejudice



Elizabeth Bennet



Elizabeth Bennet

- The novel's protagonist.
- second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennet.
- most intelligent and sensible
- Her realization of Darcy's essential goodness eventually triumphs over her initial prejudice



- He is Bingley's best friend and the nephew of Lady Catherine de Bourgh. He is a very wealthy, handsome, and proud bachelor.
- -He is viewed as rude and conceited by all the inhabitants of Meryton.
- He is intelligent and honest but his pride causes him to look down on his social inferiors.
- "....for almost all his actions may be traced to pride;-and pride has often been his best friend." (George Wickham-vol. I ch.16)
- -However, Darcy gradually tempers his class-consciousness and eventually falls in love with, and marries Elizabeth.



- The eldest and most beautiful Bennet sister.
- -Jane is more reserved and gentler than Elizabeth.
- -She is later married to Mr. Bingley.

Charles Bingley

- Mr. Bingley is a wealthy, young bachelor who moves into the Bennet's neighborhood.
- His purchase of Netherfield, an estate near the Bennets, serves as the momentum for the novel.
- His friendly nature contrasts with Darcy's initially rude behavior.
- -He is uncaring about class differences.



- -The patriarch of the Bennet family
- -He has very little interest in the duties of polite society or in raising his daughters. For example, when Elizabeth rejects Mr. Collins' proposal, Mrs. Bennet asks for her husband's opinion but he merely replies "...what am I to do on the occasion? It seems an hopeless business" (Mr. Bennetvol. I ch.20)
- He finds his wife and his three youngest daughters to be unbearably silly, but Elizabeth and Jane make him proud.



- She is a foolish, noisy woman whose greatest aspiration is to have her five daughters married off.
- -Mrs. Bennet does not approve of Elizabeth's logic and practicality, and Elizabeth is her least favorite daughter.
- "Elizabeth was the least dear to her of all her children...." (vol. I-ch.18)
- Mary Bennet The middle Bennet sister who is very bookish. She is the only one of the Bennet girls who remains unmarried.
- Catherine Bennet The fourth Bennet sister. Like Lydia, she is girlishly enthralled with the soldiers.

Lydia Bennet

- -The youngest Bennet sister.
- -She is gossipy, immature and self-involved. In the end she marries George Wickham.

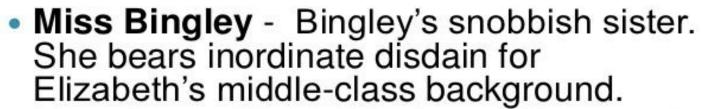
George Wickham

- A handsome, fortune-hunting militia officer.
- -Wickham's good looks and charm attract Elizabeth initially. He convinces her that he was greatly wronged by Mr. Darcy, but soon she learns of his true character, and realizes that she has been mistaken.
- Wickham later marries Lydia after they run away together.

Mr. Collins

 A pompous clergyman who is Mr. Bennet's cousin and will inherit his estate when Mr. Bennet dies

- Charlotte Lucas Elizabeth's dear friend. Charlotte does not view love as the most vital component of a marriage and is more interested in having a comfortable home. Thus, when Mr. Collins proposes, she accepts.
- Sir William Lucas: He is Charlotte's father.
- Maria Lucas-is Charlotte's younger sister.



- Mrs. Hurst: She is Bingley's older, married sister who is just as two-faced as Miss Bingley.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Mrs. Bennet's brother and his wife. They are caring, nurturing, and full of common sense.
- Mrs. Gardiner and Elizabeth are quite close because Elizabeth's own mother is silly while Mrs. Gardiner is more thoughtful and practical like Elizabeth.
- Mr. Gardiner tries to find Lydia and Wickham when they have run away together.

- Lady Catherine de Bourgh A rich, bossy noblewoman who is Darcy's wealthy aunt and Collins' patroness. She greatly illustrates class snobbery as she is a forceful lady who expects everyone to appreciate and follow her advice on every topic.
- Miss De Bourgh- Miss De Bourgh is Darcy's cousin and Lady Catherine's daughter.
- Georgiana Darcy Darcy's sister. She is immensely pretty and just as shy. She is wary because she was almost conned into eloping with Mr. Wickham, which would have been a grave mistake. She has great skills at playing the pianoforte.
- Colonel Fitzwilliam: Col. Fitzwilliam is Darcy's cousin and also co-guardian of Miss Darcy, Darcy's little sister.

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