

# QUICK CARD: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE



<i>Reference</i>	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> . Jane Austen. (1813) ISBN-13: 978-0486284736
<i>Plot</i>	When a rich and eligible bachelor, Mr. Bingley, moves into the neighborhood, Elizabeth Bennet's mother aims to throw one of her six daughters into his path. His best friend, Darcy, worth twice his net worth, takes a shine to Elizabeth, but against his will, since she is somewhat beneath him socially. His arrogant slights prejudice Elizabeth against him as their unlikely courtship progresses. Matters are complicated when a military troop replete with base officers is stationed in town, compromising the Bennet girls, in particular Elizabeth's sister, young Lydia Bennet.
<i>Setting</i>	Among 19 <sup>th</sup> c. English society Meryton, Hertfordshire England, near London Elizabeth's young adulthood
<i>Characters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth Bennet – (protagonist) twenty-year-old heroine of the story, intelligent and quick-witted. She is determined to marry only for love in a society that makes its matches for social position and security.</li> <li>• Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy – (protagonist) a wealthy 28-year-old bachelor whose haughty manner puts off Elizabeth</li> <li>• Mr. Bennet and Mrs. Bennet – Elizabeth's unhappily married parents</li> <li>• Jane Bennet – Elizabeth's sweet elder sister (22 years), who falls in love with Charles Bingley and pines away when he removes to town</li> <li>• Mary Bennet – one of Elizabeth's younger sisters, who delights in parading her talents at the pianoforte before the neighbors</li> <li>• Catherine Bennet (Kitty) Bennet – Elizabeth's silly and flirtatious 17-year-old sister</li> <li>• Lydia Bennet – Elizabeth's foolish and flirtatious youngest sister, whose naiveté is preyed upon by the cunning Wickham</li> </ul>

<p><i>Characters Cont.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Bingley – wealthy and good natured bachelor who falls in love with Jane Bennet</li> <li>• George Wickham – one time protégée of the elder, deceased Darcy, his poor character and gambling habits tempt him to exploit the innocence of young girls</li> <li>• William Collins – Elizabeth’s ridiculous 25-year-old cousin, who stands to inherit the Bennet home through entailment. He enjoys the patronage of Lady Catherine deBurgh, Mr. Darcy’s arrogant aunt</li> <li>• Aunt and Uncle Gardiner – Mrs. Bennet’s brother and sister-in-law. They take a special interest in the elder Bennet girls and are instrumental in helping the family keep its honor</li> <li>• Georgiana Darcy – Fitzwilliam Darcy’s 16-year-old sister and ward</li> <li>• Charlotte Lucas – Elizabeth’s 27-year-old friend and the wife of Mr. Collins</li> </ul>
<p><i>Conflict</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Man vs. Society; Man vs. Self; Man vs. Man: Will Elizabeth marry for love?</li> <li>• Man vs. Man; Man vs. Society: Will Elizabeth see her sister Jane happily married?</li> </ul>
<p><i>Theme</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inner Character vs. Outer Appearance</li> <li>• The Importance of Reputation</li> <li>• The attributes of a good marriage, a good man, a good love</li> <li>• Marriage for love vs. Social connections</li> <li>• The ill effects of pride (incivility) and prejudice (forming early opinions)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Literary Devices</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarcasm – a form of verbal irony used to show contempt</li> <li>• Verbal Irony – a figure of speech whereby a speaker says one thing, while meaning the opposite</li> </ul>