

Jane Austen – Listening comprehension

Watch the video then answer the following questions

1. Austen wanted to change people with her novels. How did she want them to become?
2. When is Jane Austen born and where?
3. How was the writer's family social status?
4. Did she get married?
5. What's Jane's sister name?
6. How many novels did Jane complete?
7. What are the titles of the novels she completed?
8. What are the four main things Jane Austen wanted to teach us?
9. In Jane Austen's opinion marriage depends on two factors, do you remember them?
10. Name the two mistakes people make around money according to Jane Austen.

Writing practice suggestion

11. Write Jane Austen's main opinions concerning love, marriage, judging people, money, and being snobbish. Do you agree or disagree with the writer? Justify your answer.

Answers

1. She wanted to make people less selfish and more reasonable, more dignified, and sensitive to the needs of others.
2. Jane Austen's born in 1775 in a small village in Hampshire.
3. Her family's social status was high, but they weren't well off.
4. No, the writer didn't get married.
5. Her sister's name is Cassandra.
6. She completed six novels.
7. The titles of the novels she completed are:
 - Sense and Sensibility;
 - Pride and Prejudice;
 - Mansfield Park;
 - Emma;
 - Northanger Abbey;
 - Persuasion.
8. The four main things Jane Austen wanted to teach us are:
 - Let your lover educate you;
 - We shouldn't stop judging people, but we have to judge more carefully;
 - Take money seriously;
 - Don't be snobbish.
9. In the writer's opinion, marriage depends on maturity and education.
10. The first mistake is to get over impressed by money while the second is getting married without a reasonable economic basis.