



Persuasion quick reference

Key Themes:

- Persuasion vs Autonomy
- Second Chances & Constancy
- Changing Social Order (Navy vs Old Aristocracy)

Key Characters:

- Anne Elliot – Quiet, perceptive, emotionally resilient.
- Captain Wentworth – Proud, loyal, learns to reassess the past.
- Sir Walter & Elizabeth Elliot – Vanity, status obsession.
- Admiral & Mrs Croft – Progressive, egalitarian, supportive.

Useful Quotes:

- “You pierce my soul.”
- “I am half agony, half hope.”
- “Men have had every advantage of us in telling their own story.”

Exam Tips:

- Track Anne’s development across the novel.
- Compare settings: Kellynch, Lyme, Bath.
- Focus on silence, subtext, and emotional restraint.