



## *Pride and Prejudice* quick reference

### Key Themes:

- First Impressions and Misjudgement
- Marriage, Money, Security
- Pride, Self-Knowledge, Growth

### Key Characters:

- Elizabeth Bennet – Independent, witty, learns to question her own judgement.
- Mr Darcy – Proud, principled, transforms through self-reflection.
- Jane & Bingley – Sincere, gentle, idealised affection.
- Lydia & Wickham – Impulsive, reckless, consequences of poor judgement.
- Charlotte & Mr Collins – Practical, unromantic, societal pressures.

### Useful Quotes:

- “I was blind, partial, prejudiced, absurd.”
- “You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you.”
- “Happiness in marriage is entirely a matter of chance.”

### Exam Tips:

- Compare couples to show Austen’s values.
- Use short quotes integrated smoothly.
- Discuss free indirect discourse + irony.