

JANE AUSTEN

QUESTIONS

1) What did Austen learn from the 18th-century novelists?

- She learnt the insight into the psychology of the characters and the subtleties of ordinary events of life (balls, walks, parties..)
- From Fielding in particular, she derived the omniscient narrator.

2) What geographical and social setting did she choose for her novels?

Austen's novels take place in England, she writes about the oldest England, based on the possession of land, parks and country houses.

In her stories people from different counties get married as a result of the growing social mobility.

3) What are the themes of her novels?

Austen had no place for great passions, she focuses her attention on people, and on the analysis of character and conduct.

She talks about marriage, love and parenthood, the happy ending is a common element to her novels: they all end in marriage of hero and heroine.

All of Jane Austen's novel centres on the experience of a young woman who develops in her understanding of herself and of other people.