

Note: anytime you see *** before a question, that means that the question is not answered in black and white. You must make an inference from what you have read. If you are unable to answer it, just skip it, but be sure to ask about it. These are some of the most important question in really understanding and enjoying the novel.

Volume One

Chapter 1

1. What must a wealthy single man want?
2. As the book opens, what 2 people are having a conversation?
3. Who has moved into the area?
4. For whom does Mrs. Bennet think this is good?
5. Why?
6. How many daughters do the Bennets have?
7. Who seems to be Mr. Bennet's favorite? Why?
8. What is Mrs. Bennet's main goal in life?
9. Describe what you know of the Bennet marriage.
10. What is the name of the estate Bingley has rented?

Chapter 2

1. Where has Mr. Bennet gone?
2. Is Mary intelligent? How do you know?
3. Concerning Mary's intelligence, describe Mr. Bennet's attitude.
4. Is Mr. Bennet pleased that his wife is so grateful to him?
5. How do you know?
6. *** Describe the differences in manners and customs between Victorian England as you have seen them so far in the novel and modern day America.
7. The paragraph that begins, "What an excellent father . . ." shows that Mrs. Bennet is what kind of person?

Chapter 3

1. What does Mr. Bennet do to bother his family?
2. Where does the family get their information?
3. What, according to them, is Mr. Bingley like?
4. Does Bingley return the visit? What does he hope to do that he does not? Why does he want to do that?
5. When Mrs. Bennet invites Bingley to dinner, why can he not come?
6. What are the girls upset about at first?
7. Describe Darcy.
8. What is his bad point?
9. Who hears Darcy say something about her?
10. Describe Elizabeth.
11. Which Bennet daughter is the oldest?
12. Does she [the oldest daughter] have a good time at the party? How do you know?
13. What is the name of the estate where the Bennet's live?
14. What does Mrs. Bennet begin telling Mr. Bennet that he doesn't care about?
15. Who was the only unpleasant person at the party, according to Mrs. Bennet?

Chapter 4

1. What does Jane think of Bingley?
2. What does Jane leave out of her description that Elizabeth adds?
3. What does the paragraph that begins, "Did not you. . ." show about Elizabeth?
4. What is Jane's major fault, according to Elizabeth?
5. What does Elizabeth think of Bingley's sisters and why?

6. Describe Bingley and Darcy's relationship.
7. Does Darcy have a good time at the assembly [party]?
8. How did Bingley get his fortune?

Chapter 5

1. What does Jane bring out about Darcy in his defense as he is being criticized?
2. What promise does Elizabeth make about Darcy?
3. When Charlotte says Darcy has a right to be proud, what is Elizabeth's reaction?

Chapter 6

1. When they get to know each other better, what do Bingley's sisters think of the Bennet women?
2. What is Elizabeth's reaction to them?
3. What is obvious to Elizabeth about Bingley?
4. What new characteristic do we learn about Jane in paragraph 1?
5. What is Charlotte's opinion of the characteristic?
6. What unusual viewpoint about marriage does Charlotte have?
7. What has Darcy decided about Elizabeth?
8. What is the difference between Elizabeth's and Mary's performance?
9. Does Darcy like dancing?
10. What does Elizabeth do that she has promised to do?
11. Does her refusal bother Darcy?
12. What does Miss Bingley do that shows she is not really such a nice person?
13. Does she bother Darcy?

Chapter 7

1. What is the problem with Mr. Bennet's estate?
2. What profession did Mrs. Bennet's father practice?
3. Who are the 2 youngest Bennet sisters?
4. What is one of their favorite pastimes?
5. What has happened in Meryton that has them excited?
6. From whom do the girls get most of the information?
7. What invitation does Jane get?
8. What is Mrs. Bennet's scheme?
9. What has happened to Jane at the Bingley home?
10. What is Elizabeth's plan?
11. What are Mrs. Bennet's objections?
12. What is the reaction of the Bingley sisters?
13. What is Darcy's reaction?
14. What develops?

Chapter 8

1. What causes Elizabeth to return to her original opinion of the Bingley sisters?
2. Who is obviously concerned about Jane?
3. Who or what are the Bingley sisters mostly occupied by?
4. Do the Bingley girls like Elizabeth, really? How do you know?
5. What opinion of Bingley's concerning girls does Darcy disagree with?
6. What is Elizabeth's reaction to Darcy's idea about women?
7. What is the reaction of Bingley's sisters?
8. How do the Bingley sisters explain Elizabeth's opinion?
9. What gives an indication that Darcy sees the kind of person Miss Bingley is?

10. Who are they going to send for in the morning?

Chapter 9

1. Who does Elizabeth send for?
2. How does Elizabeth come to Darcy's defense?
3. How is Mrs. Bennet rude to Darcy?
4. How does Mrs. Bennet embarrass Elizabeth [and herself]?
5. How do you know Darcy does not share the Bingley sisters' low opinion of Elizabeth?

Chapter 10

1. How are Darcy and Bingley different in letter writing?
2. Why does Darcy think Bingley is bragging?
3. What is Darcy doing that Elizabeth tries to figure the reason for?
4. What does Miss Bingley do because of jealousy?
5. On the walk the next day, what happens?

Chapter 11

1. What does Miss Bingley say about books that is obviously not true and how do you know?
2. How does Darcy describe himself?

Chapter 12

1. In paragraph 2, beginning, "The communication excited . . .," what is the main idea?
2. What can we tell from paragraph 4?

Chapter 13

1. Who is coming to visit the Bennets and who IS he?
2. What is his job?

Chapter 14

1. From the paragraph that begins, "Mr. Bennet's expectations. . . , " what can you tell?
2. Discuss the book situation.

Chapter 15

1. Why did Mr. Collins come to Longbourn?
2. Who does he originally have his eye on and what happens?
3. Who is the new man the Bennet girls meet with Mr. Denny in Meryton?
4. What is Darcy and Wickham's reaction to each other?

Chapter 16

1. What does Mr. Collins go into great detail about in paragraph 2?
2. What does Elizabeth want to talk to Wickham about that she dares not?
3. How does Wickham say he and Darcy know each other?
4. To what does Wickham attribute Darcy's mean handling of Wickham?
5. How does Wickham describe Darcy's sister?
6. What relationship is there between Darcy and Lady Catherine?
7. Wickham hints what about Darcy and Lady Catherine's daughter?

Chapter 17

1. In paragraph 2 what is Jane's opinion of the Darcy/Wickham dispute?
2. What does Elizabeth learn about MR. Collins that surprises her?

3. What does Elizabeth get into by being excited about the party and nice to Mr. Collins?
4. What does Elizabeth realize MR. Collins has in mind?

Chapter 18

1. Has Wickham explained to Mr. Denny his relationship with Darcy? How do you know?
2. In the paragraph beginning, "Mr. Wickham is blessed . . .," what does Darcy imply about Wickham?
3. In the paragraph beginning, "I would be not means. . .," at whom is he angry?
4. What does Caroline Bingley tell Elizabeth about Wickham?
5. Do the Bingleys know the whole story?
6. When asked to sing, what does MR. Collins do that is a sign of poor breeding?
7. What does Mrs. Bennet do at the end of the party and what is the result?
8. How does Mrs. Bennet feel about MR. Collins?

Chapter 19

1. What reasons does Mr. Collins give for wanting to marry?
2. Why did Mr. Collins come to the Bennet family looking for a wife?
3. When Elizabeth refuses him, how does he interpret the refusal?
4. Why is he so sure she will accept him?

Chapter 20

1. What do Mr. and Mrs. Bennet tell Elizabeth about Mr. Collins?

Chapter 21

1. What does Jane hear from Caroline Bingley?
2. How does Elizabeth explain the letter?

Chapter 22

1. Where does Mr. Collins go the next morning and why?
2. What does Charlotte say is her only wish?
3. What bothers Elizabeth?

Chapter 23

1. What is Elizabeth's fear concerning Bingley?
2. What does Mrs. Bennet imagine Charlotte is thinking and talking about with Mr. Collins?

Volume Two

Chapter 1 [24]

1. What does Caroline Bingley write?
2. On what does Elizabeth blame the problem?
3. What does Mrs. Bennet do that is painful to Jane?
4. Jane assumes Bingley's sisters want Bingley's happiness. What does Elizabeth think they may want?
5. What does MR. Bennet say about Wickham?
6. What does he say is comforting about Mr. Bennet?
7. Who now knows Wickham's story of what happened between him and Darcy?

Chapter 2 [25]

1. What is the season?
2. Who are Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner? Describe them.
3. What do they suggest for Jane?
4. What do they say about Bingley?
5. What is Jane's hope for the trip?

Chapter 3 [26]

1. From her letters, is Charlotte happily married to Mr. Collins?
2. How does Caroline Bingley explain not coming to see Jane?
3. Who does Jane understand better now?
4. Why does it seem Wickham has forgotten Elizabeth and started liking another girl?
5. Whose actions are Wickham's similar to?

Chapter 4 [27]

1. Where is Elizabeth to go soon?
2. When Elizabeth sees her aunt, to what is she invited?

Chapter 5 [28]

1. At the Collins' home, when Mr. Collins says something stupid, what does Charlotte do?
2. Why did the De Bourghs come?

Chapter 6 [29]

1. In paragraph 5, what does Mr. Collins say that shows he is poorly bred?
2. At the De Bourgh home, who does most of the talking at dinner?
3. Is Elizabeth favorably impressed with Lady Catherine and her home?

Chapter 7 [30]

1. Why does Elizabeth think Charlotte chose the dark, less attractive room for the women to sit in?
2. Who is expected to come to Rosings?
3. Who accompanies him when he arrives?

Chapter 8 [31]

1. What does paragraph 2 show about Lady Catherine?
2. What does the paragraph that begins, "So much the better. . . " tell you about Lady Catherine?
3. Describe the piano incident involving Elizabeth, Lady Catherine, and Darcy.

Chapter 9 [32]

1. Who calls on Elizabeth?
2. How can you tell that Darcy is not always so quiet?

3. What occurs to Charlotte that does not seem likely?

Chapter 10 [33]

1. Why have Darcy and Colonel Fitzwilliam not left Rosings earlier?
2. What does Colonel Fitzwilliam tell Elizabeth Darcy has recently done?
3. Who does Elizabeth suppose Col. Fitzwilliam is talking about, though he doesn't use names?

Chapter 11 [34]

1. Who comes to visit Elizabeth and why?
2. What does he tell her?
3. When asked why she was mean to Darcy, what is Elizabeth's answer?
4. Though angry and tactless, Darcy reveals a character strength in the paragraph that begins, " 'And this,' cried Darcy. . . ." What is that virtue?
5. How long does Elizabeth say she has disliked Darcy?
6. *** To whom does the title refer?

Chapter 12 [35]

1. In his letter, what reason does he give for trying to keep Bingley away from Jane?
2. Does Bingley know Jane is in London?
3. How does he explain the Wickham relationship?

Chapter 13 [36]

1. After reading in the letter about Mr. Darcy's will, what does Elizabeth realize?
2. Wickham's goodness has been based on what?
3. When Col. Fitzwilliam had mentioned Darcy preventing a bad marriage, about whom had he been talking?
4. What now seems improper to Elizabeth about Wickham's revelations that never entered her mind at the time?
5. What does Elizabeth decide has hurt Jane the most?

Chapter 14 [37]

No questions

Chapter 15 [38]

1. When Maria remarks on how much she will have to tell about the visit, what thought does Elizabeth have?

Chapter 16 [39]

1. What were Lydia and Kitty's intentions and what problem do they have?
2. What is Lydia's news about Wickham?
3. What 2 reasons does Elizabeth not want to go to town?

Chapter 17 [40]

1. How does Elizabeth explain that the "education" of Wickham and Darcy was "mismanaged"?
2. The paragraph that begins, "Certainly. But the misfortunes. . ." proves that Elizabeth is related to what part of the title?
3. Do the girls intend to tell others what they know of Wickham? Why?
4. What is Elizabeth hiding from Jane?
5. What state of mind does Elizabeth see Jane has and what is the reason?
6. What does Mrs. Bennet say her comfort is concerning Jane and Bingley?



Chapter 18 [48]

1. Who is least disturbed about the regiment of soldiers leaving Meryton?
2. In the paragraph beginning, "Such were the lamentations . . ." what is Elizabeth talking about?
3. What invitation does Lydia get?
4. What reason does Elizabeth give for objecting?
5. What does Elizabeth want of their father?
6. ***When Elizabeth says, "In essentials, I believe, he is very much what he ever was," what does she mean?

Chapter 19 [42]

1. What is the only thought that makes Elizabeth happy and the one thing that could make it better?
2. What disappointment does Elizabeth get?
3. Who lives at Pemberley and why does Elizabeth decide it will be fine to go to see it?

Volume Three**Chapter 1 [43]**

1. How was the housekeeper at Pemberley [Mrs. Reynolds] different than Elizabeth expected her to be?
2. What does Mrs. Reynolds think of Darcy and Georgiana Darcy?
3. What does Mrs. Reynolds say about Darcy that surprises Elizabeth?
4. How does Mrs. Reynolds explain some people calling Darcy proud?
5. Who surprises Elizabeth in the garden?
6. What is her reaction?
7. Had he been there all along?
8. How does he speak to her?
9. What does she really want to know?
10. How does Elizabeth feel about introducing Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner to Darcy?
11. Who does Darcy want Elizabeth to meet?
12. How does Mrs. Gardiner agree with the housekeeper?
13. What does she tell the Gardiners in Darcy's defense when they are surprised that such a nice man could have treated Wickham as Wickham said he did?

Chapter 2 [44]

1. *** In paragraph 1, what is the "new idea on the business" that Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner probably have?
2. Describe Georgiana Darcy.
3. Who else comes to see Elizabeth?
4. What does paragraph 6 tell you is perfectly obvious to the Gardiners?
5. What rather surprises Elizabeth about Darcy's behavior?
6. What invitation do the Gardiners and Elizabeth get?
7. The local reputation of Wickham is vague, but not good. What specific negative idea do the Gardiners find out about Wickham?
8. What does Elizabeth lie awake thinking about?
9. What do Mrs. Gardiner and Elizabeth decide to do to repay the courtesy of Georgiana Darcy coming to see them so quickly after arriving from her trip to Pemberley?

Chapter 3 [45]

1. Elizabeth now realizes that Caroline Bingley disliked her for what reason?
2. What does Elizabeth notice about Caroline Bingley?
3. What is Elizabeth thinking about while the conversation is going on [paragraph 5]?
4. What does Elizabeth realize everyone is doing?
5. How does Darcy's entrance affect Georgiana?
6. What does Elizabeth see that Darcy is interested in by his conversation?
7. Who does Caroline Bingley hurt and embarrass in her attempt to upset Elizabeth?
8. Does Caroline Bingley know about the planned elopement of Georgiana and Wickham?
9. Who is the one person Mrs. Gardiner and Elizabeth do not discuss after their visit?

Chapter 4 [46]

1. What does the first letter from Jane reveal?
2. What does the second reveal?
3. Why do they fear this?
4. What had Col. Forester said about Wickham?
5. What does Jane want from Mr. Gardiner and why?
6. Why is Elizabeth especially distressed about this?
7. What does Elizabeth figure Darcy is thinking?
8. What does she finally realize about her own feelings?

**Chapter 5 (47)**

1. To Mrs. Gardiner's idea that Wickham would not be so stupid as to treat a girl like Lydia with a family in the manner that they fear, what is Elizabeth's reply?
2. Did Elizabeth have any idea that Lydia liked Wickham?

Chapter 6 (48)

1. What is Mrs. Bennet afraid will happen to Mr. Bennet in London?
2. What has happened to Wickham's reputation in Meryton?
3. What does Mr. Collins say would be preferable to have happened to Lydia?
4. To what does he say Charlotte attributes Lydia's actions?
5. What does he say that has already entered Elizabeth's mind?
6. What 2 reasons does Wickham have for hiding in London?
7. What is Mrs. Bennet's reaction to finding out Mr. Bennet is on his way home?
8. What, at last, does Mr. Bennet realize?

Chapter 7 (49)

1. What new development has taken place while Jane and Elizabeth were out for a walk?
2. What are the terms of the marriage?
3. Where will Lydia be married?
4. What has Mr. Bennet so worried?
5. How much money does he figure Mr. Gardiner MUST have given Wickham, at least?
6. What is Mrs. Bennet's reaction to the news?
7. Does Mrs. Bennet seem to feel grateful to Mr. Gardiner for what he must have done for Lydia and the entire family?

Chapter 8 (50)

1. What does Mr. Bennet now wish he had done when he was a younger man? Why?
2. Why did he NOT do this when he was younger?
3. What does Mr. Bennet say about Lydia and Wickham coming to live near them?
4. What does Mr. Bennet do that shocks and horrifies Mrs. Bennet?
5. What are Jane and Elizabeth, by speaking earnestly, rationally, and mildly, able to persuade Mr. Bennet to do?

Chapter 9 (51)

1. *** In paragraph 1, Jane gives Lydia "the feeling which would have attended herself"; what is the feeling that Jane thinks Lydia will have?
2. How, exactly, do Lydia and Wickham act when they come to Longbourn?
3. What is Lydia's ridiculous [if the girls had any kind of decent mother] assumption about her place in the family now?
4. Does Lydia realize that going to Brighton was a mistake? What is her hope for all her sisters?
5. What is Elizabeth's reaction to that suggestion?
6. How does Elizabeth see Wickham's love for Lydia?
7. Who is Elizabeth surprised to find out was at Lydia and Wickham's wedding?
8. After discovering that, what consumes her thinking, and what does she write Mrs. Gardiner about?

Chapter 10 (52)

1. At the beginning of the chapter, who is the letter from?
2. Though it has been believed that Mr. Gardiner found Lydia and Wickham, who actually found them?
3. From whom did he get the information about where they were? Who was she?

4. When Darcy meets with Lydia, what is her attitude about staying with Wickham and marriage to Wickham?
5. Even in the first conversation with Wickham, what does Darcy learn is his attitude toward marriage to Lydia?
6. Mrs. Gardiner mentions a “fault” that Darcy has in such a way that it is obvious she really thinks it is a strength. What is it and what is the surrounding circumstance? [You may need to look the word up in the dictionary for this section to make any sense.]
7. What do Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner know the family assumption about the arrangements is going to be?
8. Mrs. Gardiner cautions Elizabeth that no one is to know about Darcy’s interference except whom?
9. What DID Darcy do?
10. *** Mrs. Gardiner says that Mr. Gardiner would never have agreed to Darcy’s help if they had not thought Darcy had “another interest in the affair.” What “other interest” is she talking about?
11. Mrs. Gardiner has decided that her present opinion of Darcy is that he really is a wonderful person. He has only one thing that could improve him. What is that one thing and how might it be remedied?
12. *** In closing, Mrs. Gardiner asks Elizabeth not to exclude her “from P.” What is “P.”? What is her assumption?
13. Elizabeth is not sure why Darcy did what he did. What does “her heart . . . whisper” might be the reason?

Chapter 11 [53]

1. Who is coming back to the area?
2. When he comes to Longbourn, who is with him?
3. What about the reception of the two young men embarrasses Elizabeth and Jane?

Chapter 12 [54]

No questions – just read.

Chapter 13 [55]

1. What does Mrs. Bennet do that is rather embarrassing for Jane and Bingley?
2. *** When Bingley gets up and leaves the room and Jane tells Elizabeth that she doesn’t understand why everyone cannot be as happy as she is, what is she so happy about? Where did Bingley go?
3. *** Elizabeth is relieved “find, that he had not betrayed the interference of his friend.” What does this mean?

Chapter 14 [56]

1. Who comes to see Elizabeth?
2. After chatting a few minutes, what does she ask Elizabeth to do?
3. Does Lady Catherine think Elizabeth knows why she is there?
4. What is Lady Catherine’s statement about Darcy and her daughter?
5. *** Elizabeth does something throughout the conversation with Lady Catherine that really irritates Lady C. What is it?

Chapter 15 [57]

1. What has Mr. Collins said in his letter that MR. Bennet talks to Elizabeth in a very humorous way about?
2. *** He laughingly asks Elizabeth why Lady Catherine came to see her and inadvertently assumes the real reason. Why did Lady Catherine come to see Elizabeth in the last chapter?

Chapter 16 [58]

1. When Bingley and Darcy arrive, what do the young people soon do at Bingley’s suggestion?

2. What does Elizabeth do to finally start talking with Darcy?
3. He explains that her family owes him no gratitude. Why?
4. In the paragraph that begins, “Elizabeth was too much embarrassed. . . ,” what is Darcy asking her?
5. In the next paragraph, what does she say?
6. To whom do they owe Darcy’s hoping he had a chance with Elizabeth and why?
7. How does Elizabeth tell Darcy she thinks of the past that she wants him to think also?
8. What surprised him about her first refusal?
9. What does Elizabeth say her fault concerning #8 was?
10. When Elizabeth had gotten the letter from Jane about Lydia, and Darcy, at the inn, had acted so distant and strange, she assumed he was thinking about the weakness in her family and how low they were. In reality, what was he thinking about?
11. What had Darcy told Bingley that, for a time, Bingley was angry with him about?
12. In the last paragraph, Elizabeth thinks of teasing Darcy, but she realizes there is something she still has to teach him. What is that?

Chapter 17 [59]

1. Elizabeth is worried about what her family thinks of Darcy. How does she describe their feelings for him?
2. What does Jane caution Elizabeth about?
3. In the evening, when Mr. Bennet goes to the library, Darcy follows him. Why is he going there and what worries Elizabeth?
4. She is slightly relieved, when Darcy returns; by what?
5. In the paragraph that begins, “ ‘Lizzy,’ said her father, ‘I have given him my consent,’ “ what is Mr. Bennet’s greatest fear concerning the marriage and why?

Chapter 18 [60]

1. Why did Elizabeth and Darcy, who both loved each other, have such an uncomfortable time when he first came to Longbourn? Why could they not talk freely?

Chapter 19 [61]

1. Elizabeth and Georgiana get along very well after Darcy and Elizabeth marry. What is Georgiana’s greatest shock about their relationship?