

Jane Austen

- (born December 1775, died 1817, Winchester, Hampshire), English writer who first gave the novel its distinctly modern character through her treatment of ordinary people in everyday life.
- She published four novels during her lifetime: **Sense and Sensibility (1811), Pride and Prejudice (1812), Mansfield Park (1814), and Emma (1816)**. In these novels she vividly depicted English middle-class life during the early 19th century.
- Austen's plots often explore the dependence of women on marriage in the pursuit of favourable social standing and economic security.
- Her novels defined the era's novel of manners, but they also became timeless classics that remained critical and popular successes for over two centuries after her death.
- Jane Austen is the author of "Pride and Prejudice" (1812), and "Emma" (1816), considered the best early English novels of manners.
- The early English novels concerned themselves with complex, middle-class characters struggling with their morality and circumstances.