



Jane Austen's Regency England Unit Study

ANSWER KEY

Lesson 1 Answers:

1. Steventon, Hampshire, England
2. 1775
3. Minister/Parson
4. 1
5. Typhus
6. Sense and Sensibility
7. Bath, England
8. Cassandra
9. Graeme - Apparently Henry was Jane's favourite.
10. Edward Austen Knight
11. "The Juvenilia"
12. Francis and Charles - Francis (Frank) became Admiral of the Fleet at the age of 89. Charles, Jane's 'particular little brother', rose to the rank of Admiral before he died of cholera on board his ship at the age of 73. Read more about these fascinating men in a biography by John and Edith Hubback (descendents of Frank Austen) entitled "Jane Austen's Sailor Brothers".
13. December 16
14. Elinor and Marianne

15. Tom Lefroy
16. Harris Bigg-Wither
17. 1805
18. Addison's disease
19. Winchester Cathedral
20. Regency - The Regency period was between the years 1811 and 1820. This is the period of time in which the Prince Regent (later King George IV) ruled the Empire due to George III being deemed unfit to rule due to illness.
21. Prince Regent
22. Chawton

Lesson 2 Answers:

Tasks 1, 2, 4 and 5 Open-ended

Task 3

Extract A

The village of Longbourn was only one mile from Meryton; a most convenient distance for the young ladies, who were usually tempted thither three or four times a week,(1) to pay their duty to their aunt and to a milliner's shop just over the way. The two youngest of the family, Catherine and Lydia, were particularly frequent in these attentions; their minds were more vacant than their sisters', and when nothing better offered, a walk to Meryton was necessary to amuse their morning hours and furnish conversation for the evening; and however bare of news the country in general might be (2), they always contrived to learn some from their aunt (3). At present, indeed, they were well supplied both with news and happiness by the recent arrival of a militia regiment (4) in the neighbourhood; it was to remain the whole winter, and Meryton was the headquarters.

Extract B "They are going to be encamped near Brighton; and I do so want papa to take us all there (5) for the summer! It would be such a delicious scheme; and I dare say would hardly cost anything at all. Mamma would like to go too, of all things! Only think what a miserable summer else we shall have!" (6) "Yes," thought Elizabeth, "that would be a delightful scheme indeed, and completely do for us at once. Good Heaven!" (7) Brighton, and a whole campful of soldiers, to us, who have been overset already by one poor regiment of militia(8), and the monthly balls of Meryton!"

Answer True or False according to the texts. Underline the lines from the text that support your answers.

1. The Bennet girls' occasional pastime was to visit the town nearby. (F)

2. In Regency England people living in the countryside did not have much access to news of what was happening elsewhere. (T)
3. The main source of news was local gossip. (T)
4. A whole navy unit was being stationed in Meryton for the winter. (F)
5. The military staying in Meryton is moving to Brighton in the summer and Mr. Bennet is taking his daughters to the seaside town. (F)
6. Lydia thinks that spending the summer in the country would be depressing without the regiment there. (T)
7. Elizabeth thinks that going to Brighton in the summer would be a good idea. (F)
8. Elizabeth's thoughts suggest that the arrival of troops to towns and villages during the Napoleonic wars considerably disrupted the lives of country families. (T)

Lesson 3

Section Quiz Answers

1. Who was the Englishman that defeated Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815?
A. King George B. Admiral Nelson C. The Duke of Wellington
2. Since her father was a clergyman, Jane Austen always portrayed the clergy as good, kind, upstanding people.
A. True B. False
3. Who in fact appointed the clergy serving the parish within an Estate?
A. The local Bishop B. The Archbishop of Canterbury C. The Lord or Lady of the Estate
4. In the English Army at the time most rank promotions were based on:
A. Royal patronage B. Merit C. They were purchased
5. A pelisse is a...
A. Long-sleeved ladies' jacket B. A square dance for four couples C. A card game
6. What kind of shop is a milliner's?
A. A clothes shop B. A hats shop C. A shoes and bags shop
7. Which two tourist attractions were created by the Prince Regent?
A. Regent's Park and Bath's Royal Crescent
B. Bath's Royal Crescent and Brighton Pavilion
C. Regent's Park and Brighton Pavilion
8. What is a parsonage?
A. A public area reserved for walking
B. The house of the leader of the local Christian church

C. A place for local balls and public assembly

9. Which of these had the highest reputation in Regency England?

A. The Navy B. The Army C. The Royal Guard

Lesson 4 Answers

Task 1:

Place	Real	Fictional	Additional Info.
Bath	X		Austen lived in Bath.
Chawton	X		Austen lived there - See Jane Austen House Museum
Meryton		X	A town near Longbourn in P&P
Longbourn		X	The Bennet's Village in P&P
Brighton	X		Visited by Lydia & Wickam in P&P
Netherfield		X	The House Bingley rents in P&P
Southampton	X		Austen also lived here
Rosings		X	Lady Catherine's house in P&P
Pemberley		X	Mr. Darcy's House in P&P
Steventon	X		Austen's birthplace