# Reading Activity – Jane Austen

## Lecture:

Jane Austen was born in 1775 in Hampshire, England. She was the seventh of eight children. Jane had a happy childhood, playing with her brothers and sisters, and especially with her sister Cassandra. She loved reading and writing. At age 14, she wrote her first short novel called 'Love and Friendship'. Later, she became more serious and wrote novels like 'Sense and Sensibility', 'Pride and Prejudice', and 'Emma'. Jane loved dancing and walking in the countryside. Her family moved to Bath to help her and Cassandra find husbands, but Jane never married. She once accepted a marriage proposal but changed her mind the next day. Her brother Edward gave her, her sister, and her mother a small house in the countryside. There she continued writing. Some of her most famous books were published during her life, and others after she died in 1817. Today, Jane Austen's novels are very popular and many have been made into movies.

**Part A – Multiple Choice**

1. Where was Jane Austen born?
a) London  b) Hampshire  c) Bath  d) Oxford

2. How old was Jane when she wrote her first short novel?
a) 12  b) 14  c) 16  d) 18

3. Which of these is NOT a novel by Jane Austen?
a) Emma  b) Pride and Prejudice  c) Sense and Sensibility  d) Wuthering Heights

4. What is true about Jane's personal life?
a) She got married very young  b) She traveled a lot around Europe  c) She never married  d) She lived in America

**Part B – True or False**

1. Jane Austen's books are still popular today. (____)
2. Jane Austen wrote only one book. (____)
3. Some of her novels were adapted into movies. (____)

**Part C – Matching**

Match the word with the correct meaning.

1. Novel
2. Marriage
3. Popular

a) Ceremony or state of being husband and wife
b) A long story in a book
c) Liked by many people

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