

Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* Fanfiction & Critical Reflection

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Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* has memorized readers for generations. It has been adapted numerous times into various different versions such as *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, *Lost in Austen*, versions where Mr. Darcy is a vampire, etc. Austen's core social commentary about love, courtship, and social class still speak to us and our adaptations of her work continue that conversation by applying her ideas to our own time to illuminate our own situations. Here is your chance to try your hand at it! Fanfiction is when fans write their own version of the story using the same characters and story world. They usually ask what if questions such as: What if Wickham refused to marry Lydia? What if Darcy was harboring a dark secret? What if Jane had died after her ride in the rain to Neighbourfield? What if Elizabeth had married Mr. Collins?

Here's your chance to ask your own what if question and write your own version of the story. The novel primarily followed Elizabeth's perspective but you can change that in your fanfiction. Perhaps you follow a male character's perspective. Or perhaps you follow Charlotte Lucas's or another secondary characters perspective as she witnesses this happening to the Bennet family and herself accepts Mr. Collins's proposal.

Fanfiction Requirements:

- It must answer a what if question you have about the novel. It must change something critical in the plot.
- It must be a complete scene.
- It must follow a different character's perspective (not Elizabeth)
- min. 3 full pages long

You will then write a critical reflection essay examining the choices you made in your fanfiction. What did you change? Which what if question did you ask? Which character's perspective did you follow? How do you see your changes impacting the plot of the novel? What it change anything? How do your changes compare to examples we explored in class?

Reflection Essay Requirements:

- If must answer all of the above questions.
- 3 pages min. double spaced in 12 point Times New Roman Font.
- MLA format.

