

AP Literature and Composition
Pride and Prejudice: Summer Reading

For your summer reading assignment, you will be reading the book *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Students are to create a presentation that addresses the below topics in lieu of writing an essay. You will need to make sure your presentation is well thought out and includes various forms of visual and textual media. **This will be turned in August 30, 2019.**

As you read, take notes over the book and pay particular attention to the idea of marriage in the novel. Answer the following questions:

- What does marriage look like to Elizabeth? What about the other characters?
- What role does marriage play in the novel itself?
- How do the relationships in the book differ from one another? What sets Elizabeth apart?

Once you have finished reading the novel, you will then need to do some outside research of your own.

- Choose a religion, culture, or society. Research what a marriage looks like in this culture. (Note: You may pick a society or culture from any time period.)
- Make sure to take notes on the traditions, values, and reasons for marriage within that culture.

For your presentation, you will compare and contrast the two different cultures-- the culture within *Pride and Prejudice* and the culture you researched.

For the presentation:

- You need a title slide. (Title should be thought out and not generic.) - 1 slide
- Describe the marriage customs and traditions of the culture you studied from outside the book. - 3-4 slides
- Describe the marriages in *Pride and Prejudice* - 3-4 slides
- Compare and Contrast the marriages in the culture you picked as well as the marriages in *Pride and Prejudice*. (How are they alike and different.) - 2-3 slides
- What insight does this give you into the human tradition of marriage? How do the differences and similarities reveal things about human nature? Given the differences what does this say about the term "Traditional Marriage"? - 1 slide
- Lastly make sure you have a works cited slide in MLA format. - 1 slide

Make sure you also bring any notes you take with you to class for discussions.