

Jane Austen's England – Second Semester Research Project

Part One:

With the teacher's assistance, select a novel contemporary to or influenced by Jane Austen. Research the author's opinion of Austen. Read the novel and at least two pieces of published scholarly work on your novel or author. Then write an essay summarizing your author's unique characteristics, contrasting them with Austen's style. Use these questions to get you thinking about your essay: Why do you think Jane Austen is considered the "mother of the English novel?" How did she influence your author? Why is Austen more popular than her contemporaries today?

Part Two:

After receiving your paper and feedback from Mrs. Muller, create a ten minute presentation "selling" this novel to your classmates. Without giving away too much of the story, use your time to present your discoveries and to convince your classmates to add *your* novel to their must-read lists!