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Sense and Sensibility

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A Before Reading

Sense and Sensibility is a story about old world, middle class England. It is about people who have a lot of money and property. These people make up the "polite society". How do you think "polite society" lived? What did they do in the daytime? How did they spend their money? What did they do in their spare time?

2 Here are six characters with some of the author's words about each one.



Elinor Dashwood

"... kind and sensible, has good sense, has learnt to control her feelings ..."



John Willoughby

"... his voice and manners were extremely pleasing ..."



Lucy

"...pretty face with very bright, intelligent eyes ... looked carefully at each person she spoke to ..."



Colonel Brandon

"... quiet, sensible man who said very little ... a serious face and good manners ..."



Marianne Dashwood

"... interesting and beautiful ... she felt strongly about everything and her feelings were always clear to everyone ..."



Edward Ferrars

"... a pleasant face and very good manners ... very shy, kind and thoughtful ..."

Some of these people get married in the story. Who do you think marries whom? Why?

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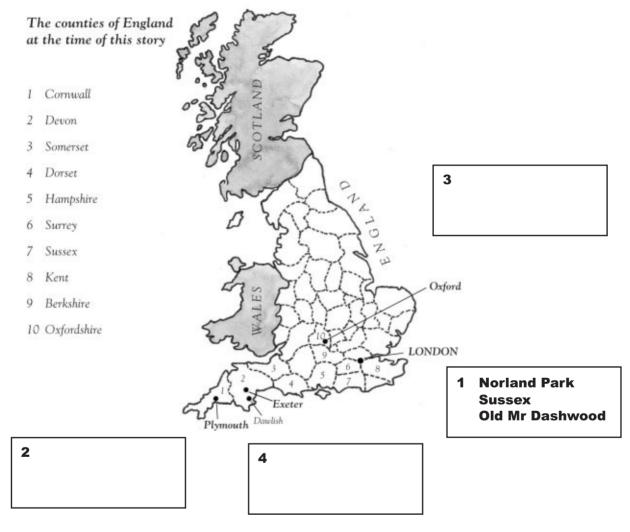
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B While Reading

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- (a) An older lady who laughs a lot and talks a lot about love? (b) A thirteen year old who is lively and independent and who speaks her mind freely?
- (c) A good looking man who enjoys dancing until very late?
- (d) A sister who enjoys painting and who thinks about things very carefully?
- (e) A quiet man hoping to become a priest?
- Elinor and Marianne Dashwood begin the story living at Norland Park in Sussex. Use the map to track 4 their travels in England. Write the name of the property, the owner and which county it is in. Follow the example.



- Read to the end of chapter 3. Colonel Brandon receives an urgent letter from London. The letter stops 5 him from taking the group to Whitwell. What do you think this letter is about?
- 6 In chapter 13 Willoughby says: "Tell me, Miss (Elinor) Dashwood, what do you think of me? Am I bad or stupid?". How do you feel about Willoughby? In your opinion is he bad or stupid? Why?

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C After Reading

7 By the end of the story there are four marriages. Who gets married? Do you think these people have made the right choice? Why or why not? Do you think they should have married someone else?

- Marianne falls in love with two men in the story John Willoughby and Colonel Brandon. Which man do 8 you like best? Why?
- 9 In chapter 13 Willoughby tells his mistakes to Elinor. Imagine he is telling his mistakes to Marianne. Act out the scene with another student.

Student A:

You are Willoughby. Explain to Marianne why you told her you stopped loving her but you now love her

Student B:

You are Marianne. You are weak from a fever, but really want to understand what Willoughby is thinking.