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Jane Austen

Today, we're going to talk about Jane Austen... in just a minute.

Jane Austen was born on December 16th, 1775, in England. She was a _____ of the novel of manners—one that depicts the _____ details of a society's traditions and values.

Austen began writing in 1787, sharing her stories with family and friends—but when she published her first major work, *Sense and Sensibility*, in 1811, she chose to be _____. Both critics and readers celebrated the book, leading to a succession of novels over the next few years. *Pride and Prejudice* came in 1813, followed by *Mansfield Park* and *Emma*. Two novels, *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey*, were published _____ in 1817—finally revealing Austen as the author of all of her novels.

Austen's novels are studies of English middle-class life during the early 19th century. She wrote about—and often _____—ordinary people navigating everyday interactions and social _____. Although she never married during her life, the books often use love and marriage as central points of conflict and commentary.

What influence did Jane Austen have on modern literature?