

Persuasion – Chapters 7– 12 – Quote Group Discussion – you may join a discussion if you’ve read at least through Chapter 11.

You that don’t need me to have a good discussion – but, you do need to have done the reading. **DO NOT** get into a group unless you completely finished the reading (read the actual book, NOT summaries). Choose a group of anywhere from 2-5 members. Choose people that you’d like to have a discussion with. This is NOT group work – you will turn nothing in, though your notes may be very helpful for the *Persuasion* exam. **Take good notes.** Follow the directions below.

1) Just like in class – **quickly divide your group up** for the 5 chapters that you are discussing. If you have 5 members you each get a chapter. Use the table below to otherwise divvy up the chapters.

Number of Members	Member A	Member B	Member C	Member D	Member E
2	Chpts 7-9	Chpts 10-11-12			
3	Chpts 7-8	Chpts 9-10	Chapt 11-12		
4	Chapt 7-8	Chpts 9-10	Chapt 11	Chapt 12	
5	Chapt 7-8	Chpts 9	Chapt 10	Chpts 11	Chapt 12

Each group member should come up with a total of 2 things (just like in class). Write them down. They should be either a I) Comment II) Question III) a direct quote (a cool or interesting one) IV) or a specific link to something else that we have done. **Spread your comments (or whatever you wrote) throughout whichever chapters you are assigned.** Look below and find the chapter that you doing - examine the quotes you already have been given – make sure your two don’t repeat them. Make sure each chapter has at least one thing. Give yourself only 4 minutes to find these (at the most). When you have them ready – quickly get started on your discussion.

Discussion - have a timekeeper – divide your time by 5 and write that next to each chapter heading below – so you know where you have to be time-wise – in order to finish your discussion.

Begin each chapter with what your members came up with (if time is short, limit each member to 2, rather than 3 of the things they came up [especially in the bigger groups]) – ask, comment, link – and then talk about it. Discuss. Make sure you take notes, just as you would in a large class discussion.

For each chapter, after you and your group discuss what you came up – read through that chapter’s quotes (found below) and use these as starting points of discussion. If you’ve already talked about them (with your own quotes or comments) move on to the next – keep taking notes – write down what you come up. Talk about whatever you want – but you may want to link to other quotes from this reading – from the first reading – or from anything else that we’ve done.

Chapter 7 time to be done by _____

start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

on his sick son “but what was there for a father to do? This was quite a female case...”

(Anne) “They were gone, she hoped, to be happy, however oddly constructed such happiness might seem”

(Anne on meeting Wentworth again) “‘It is over! it is over!’ she repeated to herself again, and again, in nervous gratitude. ‘The worst is over!’”

(Captain Wentworth on seeing Anne) “he said, You [Anne] were so altered he should not have known you again.”

(Anne on Wentworth) “She had given him up to oblige others. It had been the effect of over-persuasion. It had been weakness and timidity.”

Chapter 8 time to be done by _____

start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

(Captain Wentworth) “It was a great object with me, at that time, to be at sea,--a very great object. I wanted to do something.”

(on Mrs. Musgrove’s “size”) “Personal size and mental sorrow have certainly no necessary proportions.”

(on on Wentworth) “*Once* she felt that he was looking at herself—observing her altered features, perhaps, trying to trace in them the ruins of the face which had once charmed him.” (emphasis Austen’s)

Chapter 9 time to be done by _____

start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

(Mary) “I do not think any young woman has a right to make a choice that may be disagreeable and inconvenient to the principal part of her family...”

(Anne on Wentworth rescuing her from her nephew) “His kindness in stepping forward to her relief—the manner- the silence in which it had passed—the little particulars of the circumstance...”

Chapter 10 time to be done by _____

start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

Q10.1 (Anne on Louisa and Henrietta’s attentions to Wentworth) “They were more in love with him; yet there it was not love. It was a little fever of admiration; but it might, probably must, end in love with some.”

Q10. 2 (Mary) “Every body is always supposing that I am not a good walker”

Q10.3 “Anne’s object was, not to be in the way of any body...”

Q10.4 (Mary) “Bless me!...I am excessively tired.”

Q10.5 (Wentworth with Anne overhearing this) “Your sister is an amiable creature; but *yours* is the character of decision and firmness, I see...It is the worst evil of too yielding and indecisive a character, that no influence over it can be depended on.” (Emphasis Austen’s)

Q10.6 (Wentworth on finding a nut, and Anne still overhearing) “‘Here is a nut,’ said he...”To exemplify—a beautiful glossy nut, which, blessed with original strength, has outlived all the storms of autumn.” (ok – here is prod: can this serve as a metaphor for anyone – find the whole passage)

Q10.7 (Henrietta on why Anne did not marry Charles – speaking with Wentworth) – “it was her great friend Lady Russell’s doing, that she did not [marry him].”

Q10.8 (describing Charles who is holding the arms of Mary and Anne as they go for a walk) “he dropped the arms of both to hunt after a weasel which had a momentary glance of.” *Have any of you seen the movie Up? Which character (and in reaction to what?) does Charles Musgrove remind you of?*

Q10.9 (Anne thinking on Wentworth after he insists she go with the Musgroves) “She understood him. He could not forgive her.”

Q10.10 (the Admiral and Mrs. Musgrove – the happiest couple in the book, with the Admiral speaking) “if Miss Elliot were to hear how soon we came to an understanding, she would never be persuaded that we could be happy together.” (if you have time talk about their reckless driving – yet making it safely to their destination).

OK – sorry to intrude – but I can't get over how incredibly awesome Chapter 10 is – it is in many ways a microcosm for the book. Notice I've labeled these quotes. Look at Q10.6, Q10.7, and Q10.10 in sequence – ah put them together.

Chapter 11 time to be done by _____

start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

"The young people were all wild to see Lyme."

Captain Benwick who "had been engaged to Captain Harville's sister, and was now mourning her loss. They had been a year or two waiting for fortune and promotion."

(Anne thinking on Benwick) "he has not, perhaps, a more sorrowing heart than I have...He will rally again, and be happy with another."

(Anne) "she thought it was the misfortune of poetry, to be seldom safely enjoyed by those who enjoyed it completely."

"When the evening was over, Anne could not but be amused at the idea of her coming to Lyme, to preach patience and resignation to a young man whom she had never seen before; nor could she help fearing, on more serious reflection, that, like many other great moralists and preachers, she had been eloquent on a point in which her own conduct would ill bear examination."

Chapter 12 time to be done by _____

start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

on Dr. Shirley "the seal always makes him feel young again." (think about Sir Walter)

on Lady Russell "I always look upon her as able to persuade a person to any thing!"

the narrator (Anne?) on Mr. Elliot looking at Anne with the blush of wind on her and imagining what is going on in Capt. Wentworth's head: "That man is struck with you,--and even I, at this moment, see something like Anne Elliot again."

Talking about the only one that could break the sad news about the death of his fiancée to Captain Benwick "Nobody could do it, but that good fellow..." (think about what he (Wentworth) has endured)

Anne thinking about Wentworth, "[had] it ever occurred to him now, to question the justness of his own previous opinion as to the universal felicity and advantage of firmness of character;"

If you have any time left consider this: In what specific way, during your reading has Persuasion fit the idea of reading to know we're not alone. Yes, we are not very rich English Romantic era Ladies and Gentlemen – but do we know these things that Austen is writing about – the vying for someone's attention – the being talked out of what we want to do – the people who say they really want to go for a walk and then start complaining from the very outset? Discuss.