

Persuasion – Chapters 13 – 18 – Quote Group Discussion – you may join a discussion if you’ve read at least through Chapter 17.

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 6 chapters that you are discussing. Use the table below to otherwise divvy up the chapters. Note – to save time – come up with two or three items (make sure they’re good) based on your group size. When you discuss – choose your best one – if you have time after the quotes – and the quotes don’t get to them, then go back and discuss your 2nd and 3rd items you came up with!

Number of Members	Number of items to come up with	Member A	Member B	Member C	Member D	Member E
2	2	Chapts 13-15	Chapts 16-18			
3	2	Chapts 13-14	Chapts 15-16	Chapt 17-18		
4	3	Chapt 13-14	Chapts 15-16	Chapt 17	Chapt 18	
5	3	Chapt 13-14	Chapts 15	Chapt 16	Chapts 17	Chapt 18

Each group member should come up with a total of 1-2 things (depending on group size). 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.** 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 13 (Volume 2, Ch 1) time to be done by _____
start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

“her [Lady Russel’s] heart reveled in angry pleasure, in pleased contempt, that the man who at 23 had seemed to understand somewhat of the value of an Anne Elliot, should, eight years afterwards, be charmed by a Louisa Musgrove.”

“I should think he [Lord Elliot] must be rather a dressy man for his time of life.—Such a number of looking-glasses! Oh Lord! There was no getting away from oneself.”

how much more interesting to her [Anne] was the home and friendship of the Harvilles and Captain Benwick, than her own father’s house in Camden-lace, or her own sister’s intimacy with Mrs. Clay.

She must regret the imprudence, lament the result, and Captain Wentworth’s name must be mentioned by both [at Lady Russell’s house]. Anne was conscious of not doing it so well as Lady Russell. She could not speak the name, and look straight forward to Lady Russell’s eye...

She [Anne] could not but in conscience feel that they were gone who deserved not to stay, and that Kellynch-hall had passed into better hands than its owners.

So ended all danger to Anne of meeting Captain Wentworth at Kellynch-hall, or of seeing him in company with her friend. Everything was safe enough, and she smiled over the many anxious feelings she had wasted on the subject.

Chapter 14 (Volume 2, Ch 2) time to be done by _____
start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

“it was very little to his [Captain Benwick’s] credit, if he did. Miss Harville only died last June. Such a heart is very little worth having; is it, Lady Russel.”

[Mary] had gone to church, and there were a great many more people to look at in the church at Lyme than at Uppercross...

I must see Captain Benwick before I decide, said Lady Russell, smiling...
[a few pages later]

“I [Lady Russell] wish he may be induced to call here. And when he does, Mary, you may depend upon my opinion; but I am determined not to judge him beforehand.”

She [Anne] felt that she would rather see Mr. Elliot again than not, which was more than she could say for many other persons in Bath.

Chapter 15 (Volume 2, Ch 3) time to be done by _____
start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

“Anne listened [to her father and sister]... Allowances, large allowances, she knew, must be made for the ideas of those who spoke.”

They [Sir Walter & Elizabeth] were evidently in excellent spirits... They had no inclination to listen to her [Anne]... [For Elizabeth and Sir Walter], Uppercross excited no interest, Kellynch very little, it was all Bath.

Sir Walter: The worst of Bath was, the number of its plain women... there certainly were a dreadful multitude of ugly women in Bath; and for the men! they were infinitely worse.

Chapter 16 (Volume 2, Ch 4) time to be done by _____
start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...

“Anne had begun to learn that she and her excellent friend [Lady Russell] could sometimes think differently.”

The sight of Mrs. Clay in such favor, and of Anne so overlooked was a perpetual provocation to her [Lady Russell] there.

“We must feel that every addition to your father’s society, among his equals or superiors, may be of use in diverting his thoughts from those who are beneath him.” [Mr. Elliot]

for though his [Mr. Elliot’s] marriage had not been very happy, still it had existed so many years that she could not comprehend a very rapid recovery from the awful impression of its being dissolved.
(why? – what does this have to her own experience? – Mr. Scotese)

Lady Dalrymple had acquired the name of a “charming woman,” because she had a smile and a civil answer for every body. Miss Carteret, with still less to say, was so plain and so awkward, that she would never have been tolerated in Camden-place but for her birth.

“My [Anne’s] idea of good company, Mr. Elliot, is the company of clever, well-informed people, who have a great deal of conversation; that is what I call good company.”

“You are mistaken,” said he [Mr. Elliott] gently, “that is not good company that is the best. Good company requires only birth, education and manners... Birth and good manners are essential; but a little learning is by no means a dangerous thing in good company...”

Chapter 17 (Volume 2, Ch 5) time to be done by _____ start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...
“here was something more; here was that elasticity of mind, that disposition to be comforted, that power of turning readily from evil to good, and of finding employment which carried her out of herself...It was the choicest gift of Heaven.” (on Mrs. Smith)

Twelve years had changed Anne from the blooming, silent, unformed girl of fifteen to the elegant little woman of seven and twenty, with every beauty excepting bloom... and twelve years had transformed the fine-looking, well-grown Miss Hamilton, in all the glow of health and confidence of superiority, into a poor, infirm, helpless widow, receiving the visit of her former protégée as a favour.

“Every body’s heart is open, you know, when they have recently escaped from severe pain...”

Anne on Mr. Elliot: He certainly knew what was right, nor could she fix on any one article of moral duty evidently transgressed; but yet she would have been afraid to answer for his conduct. She distrusted the past, if not the present.

Chapter 18 (Volume 2, Ch 6) time to be done by _____ start with your comments, questions, quotes, then...
Mary on someone else’s children: “Mrs. Harville must be an odd mother to part with them so long. I do not understand it.”

Anne saw them [the Crofts] wherever she went. Lady Russell took her out in her carriage almost every morning, and she never failed to think of them, and never failed to see them. Knowing their feelings as she did, it was a most attractive picture of happiness to her. She always watched them as long as she could, delighted to fancy she understood what they might be talking of, as they walked along in happy independence, or equally delighted to see the Admiral’s hearty shake of the hand when he encountered an old friend, and observe their eagerness of conversation when occasionally forming into a little knot of the navy, Mrs Croft looking as intelligent and keen as any of the officers around her.

The metaquote of the day – make sure you and your group understand why it is a metaquote (see afterwards)

[Anne finds Admiral Croft very engaged in staring at a painting of ship on the open sea:]

“Do look at it. Did you ever see the like? What queer fellows your fine painters must be, to think that nay body would venture their lives in such a shapeless old cockleshell as that.”

(Ok – it’s me, Mr. Scotese, intruding once again into your discussion. I discovered this quote a couple of years ago, and as I said – I think it has meta written all over it. Meta is kind of like something within something – in a big way. In Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*, there is a play that is performed within the play – or a movie that is made about making movies. Look at that quote again – how could what the Admiral is saying also be said about novels? Soon you will be reading the poetry of Samuel Taylor Coleridge – later in his life he became a literary critic (the poor guy). One of the most influential ideas that he proposed had to do with the idea that a good novel, poem, play – must “suspend the reader’s disbelief” – how does that idea fit with the above quote?

If you have time – link the above quote with Wentworth’s discussion of his first ship (yes, find it!)

One more quote from me.

[After his very long, very drawn out account of the letter from Captain Wentworth, Admiral Croft says of Mr. Wentworth,]

“Do you not think, Miss Elliot, we had better try to get him to Bath?”

HOMEWORK

Tuesday (3/17) – Intro to William Blake and Poems pgs 645-654 (don’t worry lots of pretty pictures)

Wednesday – Intro to William Wordsworth and all poems EXCEPT “Tintern Abbey” 656, 663-667

Friday – Inquiry #2n (300 points) – make sure you have followed all Handouts

Monday 3/23 – *Persuasion* Chapters 19-24 (300 points)