

HOW MUCH ARE THEY WORTH?
THE CHARACTERS IN *SENSE AND SENSIBILITY* AND *PRIDE AND PREJUDICE*

NOTE

- Austen's men: The figures Austen gives for men are almost always annual incomes.
- Austen's women: The figures for women are the lump sums which comprise their portions. Calculating interest at 5%, as Austen almost always does, divide these figures by 20 to arrive at the yearly income which these sums would generate. For example, the yearly income on Georgiana Darcy's £30,000 portion would be £1500.

Sense and Sensibility: The Men

Willoughby: £600-700 per year

Col. Brandon: £2000 per year

John Dashwood: Probably at least £8,000 per year (his present income +£4000 from Norland +his mother's fortune)

Edward Ferrars: only £100 per year, poor boy.

Sense and Sensibility: The Women

Lucy Steele: probably portionless

Elinor: £1000 (plus an additional £2,333 after her mother's death)

Marianne: same as Elinor

Miss Morton: £30,000 (Mrs. Ferrars's choice of bride for Edward)

Miss Grey: £50,000 (Is it any wonder self-serving Willoughby is tempted?)

Pride and Prejudice: The Men

Mr. Bennet: £2000 per year

Mr. Bingley: £4000-5000 per year

Mr. Darcy: £10,000 per year

Pride and Prejudice: The Women

Charlotte Lucas: probably portionless

Elizabeth: £1000 after her mother's death

Jane: same as Elizabeth

Miss Bingley: £20,000

Miss Darcy: £30,000