

LITERARY BATH AND JANE AUSTEN

■ 4 The Romantic Age

Before watching

1 Here is a map of the south west of Britain. Can you find the city of Bath? Find the meaning of these words associated with the city:

1. hot spring

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2. spa resort

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2 The following are all expressions you will hear on the video. Place them under the heading they are associated with in the chart.

• stylish • aristocratic • well-to-do •
elegant • wealthy • high society •
inherit • middle class • finance •
fashionable

Social Class	Money	Fashion

3 You will hear the following phrasal verbs in the video. Match each expression with its correct definition.

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| 1. to draw inspiration from | <input type="checkbox"/> a) to situate (in a particular place) |
| 2. to set a novel in... | <input type="checkbox"/> b) to obtain ideas |
| 3. to run out of something | <input type="checkbox"/> c) to finish something (e.g. sugar, ideas, money) |

4 Underline the correct meaning of the following words.

- A portrait is a painting of *an animal / a person*.
- If you are associated with something you are *connected / married* to it.
- If something is flourishing it is *in decline / doing well*.
- To satirise means to *joke about / respect* a thing or person.
- If something is oppressive it makes you feel *bad / good*.
- A clergyman is a man who works *in the theatre / in a church*.
- If you are retired you *work alone / have stopped working*.
- If you do something anonymously you *do not use your name / only use your surname*.

While watching

5 Now watch the video and answer the questions.

- Who built the baths in Bath?
- When did Bath become really fashionable for the wealthy?
- Which two famous English writers are mentioned in the video?

6 Watch the video again and choose the correct alternative.

- Why did the Romans come to the baths?

<input type="checkbox"/> a) to keep fit and lose weight
<input type="checkbox"/> b) to socialise and discuss business
<input type="checkbox"/> c) to prepare for war
- Which famous portrait artist mentioned in the video lived in Bath for 16 years?

<input type="checkbox"/> a) Thomas Gainsborough
<input type="checkbox"/> b) Joshua Reynolds
<input type="checkbox"/> c) Rembrandt

3. Which famous novel by Charles Dickens was inspired by the city's social life?
- ☐ a) *Great Expectations*
- ☐ b) *The Pickwick Papers*
- ☐ c) *A Christmas Carol*
4. How many of Jane Austen's novels are set in the city?
- ☐ a) 5
- ☐ b) 2
- ☐ c) 1
5. How many years did Jane Austen spend in Bath?
- ☐ a) 8
- ☐ b) 3
- ☐ c) 5

7 Here are the names of the six novels Jane Austen wrote. Underline the ones mentioned in the video:

Sense and Sensibility •
Pride and Prejudice • *Mansfield Park* •
Emma • *Persuasion* •
Northanger Abbey

After watching

8 Discuss with a partner and say:

1. why Jane Austen did not like living in Bath (2 reasons)

and

2. how it affected her writing.

9 Countryside versus the city. In groups make a list of the advantages and disadvantages of living in both and then finally state which you prefer and why. Compare the results of your group with the rest of the class.