

Quiz: RL.11-12.4

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Excerpt from *Pride and Prejudice*

Jane Austen

- 1 It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.
- 2 However little known the feelings or views of such a man may be on his first entering a neighborhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding families, that he is considered the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.
- 3 “My dear Mr. Bennet,” said his lady to him one day, “have you heard that Netherfield Park is let at last?”
- 4 Mr. Bennet replied that he had not.
- 5 “But it is,” returned she; “for Mrs. Long has just been here, and she told me all about it.”
- 6 Mr. Bennet made no answer.
- 7 “Do you not want to know who has taken it?” cried his wife impatiently.
- 8 “You want to tell me, and I have no objection to hearing it.”
- 9 This was invitation enough.
- 10 “Why, my dear, you must know, Mrs. Long says that Netherfield is taken by a young man of large fortune from the north of England; that he came down on Monday in a chaise and four to see the place, and was so much delighted with it, that he agreed with Mr. Morris immediately; that he is to take possession before Michaelmas, and some of his servants are to be in the house by the end of next week.”
- 11 “What is his name?”
- 12 “Bingley.”
- 13 “Is he married or single?”
- 14 “Oh! Single, my dear, to be sure! A single man of large fortune; four or five thousand a year. What a fine thing for our girls!”
- 15 “How so? How can it affect them?”
- 16 “My dear Mr. Bennet,” replied his wife, “how can you be so tiresome! You must know that I am thinking of his marrying one of them.”

