

Pride and Prejudice Chapter 55-57 Questions

Chapter 55

1. After Bingley proposes marriage to Jane, the whole family is thrilled. Mr. Bennet, a man who usually pokes fun at his family, says to Jane, "Jane, I congratulate you. You will be a very happy woman." Why do you think Mr. Bennet believes Jane will find happiness with Bingley?
2. What does the following passage suggest to the reader about Elizabeth's hopes for finding a good husband?

"If you were to give me forty such men I could never be so happy as you. Till I have your disposition, your goodness, I can never have your happiness. No, no, let me shift for myself and perhaps, if I have very good luck, I may meet with another Mr. Collins in time."

Chapter 56

3. List two ways Lady Catherine insults Elizabeth and her family (use quotes to support)
4. Why do you suppose Elizabeth refuses to promise Lady Catherine that she will never accept a proposal of marriage from Darcy? (there may be more than one factor here)

Chapter 57

5. Why does Mr. Bennet continue his correspondence with Mr. Collins even though he considers Collins to be a ridiculous man? (use quotes to support)
6. In what way does Mr. Bennet hurt and disappoint Elizabeth in this chapter? (use quotes to support)