

# Jane Austen in Community

Monmouth College SOflA program  
August 2013, Prof. Bridget Draxler  
CSB Room 246, daily schedule varies



The “Jane Austen in Community” project will invite you to spend three weeks creating community events in Monmouth to celebrate the bicentenary anniversary of the publication of *Pride and Prejudice*. In addition, you will conduct an independent research project using digital archives that you will present as a virtual timeline.

Our Wordpress site [<http://janeaustenincommunity.wordpress.com/>] includes tutorials for your timeline project, along with recommended resources. We will also use the class website to share pictures and updates for our community events. Please spend time on the site to familiarize yourself with these resources.

The class schedule will vary daily, but in general, plan to spend the mornings together and the afternoons working on your independent research projects. Please plan to read *Pride and Prejudice* over the summer, and then re-read the novel as we cover one volume of each week.

If you have any questions, please be in touch! You can reach me by email [bdraxler@monmouthcollege.edu](mailto:bdraxler@monmouthcollege.edu) or phone (309)457-2167.

# WEEK 1

## Monday

Introductions

Discuss Major Projects:

1. Digital Timelines: Austen in Context

*Sample:*

[http://prezi.com/g79toneor37o/?utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_medium=copy](http://prezi.com/g79toneor37o/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy)

2. Jane Austen Reading Group

Thursdays, 11:00am-12:30pm, Buchanan Center for the Arts in downtown Monmouth

3. Having a Ball with Jane Austen

Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm, the Rivoli Theater in downtown Monmouth

Discussion: Volume I (character maps, opening line, vocabulary, cultural context)

Start brainstorming topics: "Choose a Research Topic" PowerPoint

## Tuesday

What makes a good discussion? Why do we use discussion as a primary learning tool in a liberal arts education?

Prep questions/topics for Reading Group at Buchanan Center for the Arts on Thursday

Share research topics; "Gather your Research" PowerPoint

## Wednesday

Individual research project meetings

## Thursday

11:00 Reading Group @ BCA: *Pride and Prejudice* Volume I: Manners & Mores

Pizza + *Bride and Prejudice* screening at my house

## Friday

Discussion with Sara Gorchoff's Psychology class: Attachment Theory

How can we use attachment theory to interpret the behavior of Austen's characters?

## WEEK 2

### Monday

Discussion: Volume II (humor, irony, free indirect discourse, Austen's contemporaries)

Begin compiling research findings; "Create a Prezi Timeline" PowerPoint

### Tuesday

Prep questions/topics for Reading Group at Buchanan Center for the Arts on Thursday

Progress reports on research projects

### Wednesday

Joint session with Christine Myers's history class: Fair Use & Academic Integrity  
What images/videos can we, in fair use, include in our Prezi Timelines?

### Thursday

11:00 Reading Group @ BCA: *Pride and Prejudice* Volume II: Austen's Characters

### Friday

Individual Research Project Meetings

### Sunday

2:00-4:00pm: English Country Dance lessons with Tom Hurlbut

## WEEK 3

### Monday

Progress reports on research projects  
“Draw a Path to Tell a Story” PowerPoint

Discussion: Volume III (Austen’s legacy, film adaptations and contemporary adaptations, Austen’s narrative strategies)

Prepare mini research presentations for Having a Ball with Jane Austen: biography, history, food, and dancing

### Tuesday

Prep questions/topics for Reading Group at Buchanan Center for the Arts on Thursday

Prep for Having a Ball with Jane Austen:

Share mini research presentations

Create menu cards for Bijou’s food, recipe cards for the Regency-era foods we’re preparing,

dance cards, mad libs, and table decorations.

“YouTube Video Editor Instructions” PowerPoint

### Wednesday

Individual Research Project Meetings

### Thursday

11:00 Reading Group @ BCA: *Pride and Prejudice* Volume III: Austen’s Legacy

### Friday

Cooking lessons with Kathrine Moermond

Prepare: brown onion soup, curry soup, white soup, simple biscuits, vegetable pie, custard, lemon cream, bread pudding, naples biskits, rout drop cakes, tea

6:00pm: Having a Ball with Jane Austen

8:00pm: Presentation to Monmouth Board of Trustees