

Sense and Sensibility

Jane Austen

What does Marianne's definition of a suitable husband make almost impossible before she has met one?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Marianne's impossible standard
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter III
START	To satisfy me, those characters must be united.
END	I could not be happy with a man whose taste did not in every point coincide with my own.
PASSAGE ID	sec-ssens-01

THE MOVE

Use a character's criterion to predict future conflict

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Marianne defines a suitable husband through an almost total match of taste, feeling, and sensibility. The standard creates future conflict because ordinary difference begins to look like incompatibility before any actual relationship has been tested.

MARK

Underline every quality Marianne says a husband must share with her. Circle any absolute words such as every, all, or cannot. Star the requirement that leaves the least room for difference.

NOTICE

- What kind of compatibility does Marianne demand?
- Which ordinary differences would her standard make hard to tolerate?
- How does the criterion reveal as much about Marianne as it does about any future suitor?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What does Marianne's definition of a suitable husband make almost impossible before she has met one? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What does Marianne's definition of a suitable husband make almost impossible before she has met one? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Marianne's standard makes ordinary human difference nearly incompatible with love. A suitable husband must share taste, feeling, intelligence, and sensibility so fully that real compromise becomes almost impossible.
EVIDENCE	Use several requirements Marianne names and any absolute language that leaves little room for difference.
WATCH FOR	Do not answer that her standard is merely 'too high.' Explain what kind of difference her definition cannot tolerate.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline every quality Marianne says a husband must share with her. Circle any absolute words such as every, all, or cannot. Star the requirement that leaves the least room for difference.
2. NOTICE - What kind of compatibility does Marianne demand? Which ordinary differences would her standard make hard to tolerate? How does the criterion reveal as much about Marianne as it does about any future suitor?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: What does Marianne's definition of a suitable husband make almost impossible before she has met one?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.