

Sense and Sensibility

Jane Austen

Why is certainty more painful to Elinor than an event she had already told herself was certain?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Expectation is not certainty
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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 XLVIII
START	Elinor now found the difference between the expectation of an unpleasant event
END	she had always admitted a hope
PASSAGE ID	sec-ssens-04

THE MOVE

Distinguish intellectual belief from emotional belief

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Elinor has intellectually accepted the possibility of Edward's marriage, but certainty destroys a hope she had never fully admitted. The passage separates what a person can reason herself into expecting from what emotion continues to preserve.

MARK

Underline the sentences showing Elinor's prior expectation. Circle the language revealing hidden hope. Star the point where certainty produces pain greater than expectation had.

NOTICE

- What did Elinor believe she had already prepared herself for?
- What emotional possibility remained alive despite that belief?
- Why can certainty hurt more than an event we have repeatedly told ourselves to expect?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why is certainty more painful to Elinor than an event she had already told herself was certain? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why is certainty more painful to Elinor than an event she had already told herself was certain? 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	Certainty hurts more because intellectual preparation never eliminated emotional hope. Elinor could tell herself the event was likely while still preserving a small possibility that it would not happen.
EVIDENCE	Use prior expectation and the language revealing stronger pain once the fact becomes certain.
WATCH FOR	Do not say Elinor was deceiving herself completely. Distinguish rational belief from emotional belief.
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 the sentences showing Elinor's prior expectation. Circle the language revealing hidden hope. Star the point where certainty produces pain greater than expectation had.
2. NOTICE - What did Elinor believe she had already prepared herself for? What emotional possibility remained alive despite that belief? Why can certainty hurt more than an event we have repeatedly told ourselves to expect?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why is certainty more painful to Elinor than an event she had already told herself was certain?
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.