

Emma

Jane Austen

What does Knightley make Emma see that she did not see when she joked about Miss Bates?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Badly done, Emma
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

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SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter XLIII
START	It was badly done, indeed!
END	I will tell you truths while I can
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THE MOVE

Use a friend's rebuke to reveal consequences the protagonist ignored

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Emma experiences the joke about Miss Bates as wit; Knightley forces her to see the power imbalance and the public humiliation created by the joke. His rebuke adds consequences Emma ignored when she was focused on performance.

MARK

Underline the parts of Knightley's rebuke that describe Miss Bates's vulnerability. Circle the details about Emma's social position or influence. Star the line that changes the joke from cleverness into cruelty.

NOTICE

- What did Emma notice about the joke when she made it?
- What facts about Miss Bates change the moral meaning of the same words?
- Why does social power matter when judging whether a joke is harmless?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What does Knightley make Emma see that she did not see when she joked about Miss Bates? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What does Knightley make Emma see that she did not see when she joked about Miss Bates? 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	Knightley makes Emma see the power imbalance she ignored. The joke targets someone poor, dependent, and socially vulnerable, while Emma has enough status that her wit can publicly wound without equal risk.
EVIDENCE	Use Knightley's description of Miss Bates's situation and Emma's social position, plus Emma's reaction to the rebuke.
WATCH FOR	Do not judge the joke only by its wording. Its moral meaning changes because of who can safely laugh at whom.
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.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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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 parts of Knightley’s rebuke that describe Miss Bates’s vulnerability. Circle the details about Emma’s social position or influence. Star the line that changes the joke from cleverness into cruelty.
2. NOTICE - What did Emma notice about the joke when she made it? What facts about Miss Bates change the moral meaning of the same words? Why does social power matter when judging whether a joke is harmless?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: What does Knightley make Emma see that she did not see when she joked about Miss Bates?
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.