Jane Austen

16 December 1775 - 18 July 1817

English novelist

**Private life**
* born and raised in Hampshire, England
* 7th child of Cassandra and George Austen
* close to her sister, Cassandra
* educated in an environment that stressed learning and creative thinking
* never married
* died of illness

**Career:**
* began writing in her adolescence
  * 1970s: began writing the 1st drafts of Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice and Northanger Abbey
  * wrote 5 major novels
  * published between 1811 and 1818
  * wrote and commented upon the life of the British landed gentry of the 18th century

**Which novels to remember?**
* Pride and Prejudice = one of the most popular novels in English literature
* Sense and Sensibility = her first published work
  * Emma = explores the concerns and difficulties of genteel women living in Georgian-Regency England
* Northanger Abbey = published posthumously
* Mansfield Park = 3rd novel