

# 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