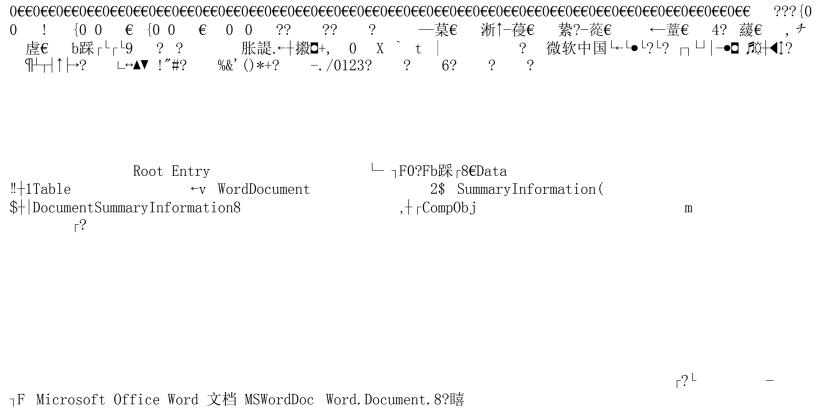
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                              1817) (Today we 11 meet the first famous English female writer. She
Lecture 10 Jane Austen (1775
lived in the Romantic Age but her novels were anti-romantic. Why? You will understand it after analyzing
her novels.) 1. Life She was born in a countryside clergyman担 family. 稴he was educated at home and
never married in all her life. 稴he only lived 42 years and only lived in her hometown with occasional
visits to London. 稴he passed all her life in doing small domestic duties and lived a comfortable and
peaceful life. 2. Works 稴he wrote 6 novels: 揘orthanger Abbey 0鷭Qh蓧鵫 0
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were not so popular in her days. But they turned out to be more and more popular and especially in the
20th century. Now Austen抯 novels were regarded as classical novels in English literature. 3. Sample: 揚
ride and Prejudice?(1) Background: 揚ride and Prejudice?is most widely read among all Austen抯 novels.
(2) Plot: (Read the second paragraph on P85) Q1: Who is the hero of the novel? Who is the heroine?
(Darcy and Elizabeth) Q2: What does the title of the novel means? (Darcy扭 Pride and Elizabeth扭
Prejudice) It is a very thin plot but the author made a vivid description on the daily life of simple
country society. (3) Explain several difficult language points in Chapter 1. Q: What do you think about
the character of Mr. Bennet and Mrs Bennet? A: Mr. Bennet is a cynical person while Mrs Bennet is a
philistine and shallow woman. (4) (Discussion)Q1: What do you think about Austen抯 views towards
marriage? The story opens with a direct reference to money marriages. But you may feel confusing about
Austen扭 attitude towards money marriages. Of course, it seems to be the author扭 intention to create
two vivid pictures out of the hero and heroine, with the former typifying 摸ride?and the latter 摸
rejudice? but the fact remains that Darcy抯 huge estate and high social position are not only most
satisfied to Elizabeth担 parents and to herself. The youngest daughter Lydia married with a poor
officer, which was considered as a much less fortunate marriage in the novel. How to understand the
author扭 attitude towards the money marriage? It is closely related with the values Austen held. We抣l
analyze it in the following part. Q2: Features of Austen抯 novels? 稟usten was a traditional and
conservative person in certain degree, who held the moral values proposed in Christianity. She thought
people should have self-control and self-knowledge. And at the same time people should be practical and
responsible. Maybe this is the reason why Austen didn挟 like the radical romantic passion popular in her
age. Her novels were similar with the novels produced in the critical realism trend. 稴he never included
any contents related with those political and social upheavals in her age. Her novels only centered on
the small world around her. She especially liked to write novels concerning with love and marriage
between young ladies and gentlemen from well-to-do families. And she was good at create young women
characters. 稨er novels includes keen observation and penetrating analysis of human nature and human
relations though she only portrayed those characters from middle and high classes.
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novels are humorous and with numerous witty dialogues and some modest satire. 稴he herself once compared
her work to a fine engraving made upon a little piece of ivory only two inches square. This is an
excellent comment. 4. Recommended Reading All 6 novels written by Jane Austen, especially Pride and
Prejudice or Sense and Sensibility; watching movies adapted from Austen担 novels is also OK. 5. Homework
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