English

Lesson 20: Jane Eyre

Rochester proposes

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Mr Johnston

Why might Rochester choose to marry Blanche Ingram rather than Jane?

Option 1

Rochester loves Blanche more than Jane.

Option 3

Blanche comes from a wealthy background that is similar to Rochester's background.

Option 2

Rochester admires Blanche's character more than Jane's character.

Option 4

Rochester enjoys Blanche's company more than Jane's company.



True or false

- 1. Victorian women were expected to hold an equal amount of power over their households as their husbands.
- 2. Victorian women were expected to obey their husbands.
- 3. It is would be surprising for a rich Victorian man to marry a poor Victorian lady.



- 1. Rochester tells Jane that he has decided to marry \mathbf{B}_{---} \mathbf{I}_{---} .
- 2. Rochester tells Jane that he has arranged for her to leave **T____ H____** because Adele needs to go to **s____**. He has found her a new job in **I____**.
- 3. Jane admits that she I____ Rochester and Rochester admits that he I____ Jane.
- 4. Rochester now changes his mind and $\mathbf{b}_{\underline{}}$ Jane not to leave $\mathbf{T}_{\underline{}}$. But Jane says that she is will definitely $\mathbf{l}_{\underline{}}$.
- 5. Rochester then asks Jane to be **m____** him. Jane agrees.



1. How does Jane's relationship with Rochester challenge the Victorian custom that people should marry within their social class?

Jane's relationship with Rochester challenges Victorian beliefs about relationships **because...**

Jane claims that, 'Wealth, caste, custom intervened between me and what I naturally and inevitably loved.'

Poor

Upper-class gentleman

Barriers



2. How does the equality between Jane and Rochester challenge the Victorian custom that the male should be the leader of the relationship?

Jane's relationship with Rochester challenges Victorian beliefs about relationships **because...**

Jane: "I have as much soul as you,and full as much heart!"	Jane: "I am no bird; and no net ensnares me; I am a free human being with an independent will, which I now exert to leave you."	Rochester: "My equal is here, and my likeness. Jane, will you marry me?"	Refuses to stay at Thornfield
Refuses to submit to Rochester	Independent	Equality	Asserts her independence

