

BEGINNER LEVEL

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

A Before Reading

1 Look at pages 4, 5 and 6.

True or False? Write T (True) or F (False) next to each of these sentences.

- (a) This story happens in London.
- (b) This is a modern story.
- (c) Jane Austen is one of the most famous British writers.

2 Look at *The People in This Story* on page 7. Draw lines between the sisters and the brothers.

Isabella, Maria and Anne	James
Eleanor	John
Catherine	Henry and Frederick

B While Reading

3 Read to the end of Chapter 2. Who did Catherine meet?

NAME

- (a) He was about twenty-five years old.
- (b) She was four years older than Catherine.

4 Read to the end of Chapter 4.

- (a) Who is this young man?
- (b) He is angry. Give a reason for this.



5 Read to the end of Chapter 6.

- (a) John Thorpe lies to Catherine. What does he say about Henry and Eleanor Tilney? Write his words.
- (b) Does Catherine go to Blaize Castle or to Beechen Cliff?

6 Read to the end of Chapter 9. What do you think? (YES/NO)

- (a) John Thorpe is in love with Catherine Morland.
- (b) Catherine is in love with John.
- (c) James Morland is in love with Isabella Thorpe.
- (d) Isabella is in love with James.

- (e) Captain Frederick Tilney is in love with Isabella.
- (f) Isabella is in love with Frederick.
- (g) Catherine is in love with Henry Tilney.
- (h) Henry is in love with Catherine.

7 Read to the end of Chapter 11. Catherine likes reading horror-stories. Catherine has read about abbeys in horror-stories. Here are frightening secrets from Catherine's horror-story – 'The Secrets of Northanger Abbey'! What is the truth?

(a) The Secret: The writing on the papers is about a terrible death – a murder.
The Truth: The papers were ...

(b) The Secret: General Tilney had murdered his wife.
The Truth: General Tilney's wife died. He ...



8 Read to the end of Chapter 14. General Tilney is sending Catherine away from Northanger Abbey. Why is he angry with Catherine? Guess. You can answer in your own language.

C After Reading

9 Look at your answers to Question 6. Were you right?

10 Complete the chart.

	Adjective	Page number (s)
Catherine is ...	happy sad surprised frightened angry	

11 Write the names of the people in the story on a chart.

I like ...	I don't like ...	I'm not sure about ...

