

# 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.

	<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Page number (s)</b>
Catherine is ...	happy sad surprised frightened angry	

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

<b>I like ...</b>	<b>I don't like ...</b>	<b>I'm not sure about ...</b>