

# Dracula

Bram Stoker

*Read this passage. Circle any words in the highlighted section that you do not understand.*

I only slept a few hours, and then got up, hung my shaving mirror by the window, and was just beginning to shave when suddenly I felt a hand on my shoulder and heard the Count's voice saying, 'Good morning.'

I jumped, as I was surprised that I had not seen his reflection behind me in my mirror; and as I jumped, I cut myself slightly, but did not notice it. I turned and answered the Count, and saw that he was indeed just behind me — but there was no reflection of him in my mirror! Just then I saw that the cut had bled a little, and the blood was running down my chin.



When the Count saw my face, his eyes blazed with a sort of mad fury, and he suddenly tried to grasp my throat. I pulled away, and his hand touched the beads that held the crucifix. It made an instant change in him, for the madness passed so quickly that I could hardly believe it had ever been there.

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# Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen

Read this passage. Circle any words in the highlighted section that you do not understand.

Mr Bingley was good-looking and charming: a gentleman. But it was his friend Mr Darcy who seized everybody's attention. He was tall and very handsome and, it was whispered, had ten thousand pounds a year. He was looked at with great admiration for half the evening until he was found to be proud, to think himself too good for them all. Then, not all his large estate in Derbyshire could save him.



Mr Bingley talked to everybody. He was lively, danced every dance, was sorry when the ball was over and promised to give one at Netherfield Park. What a difference from his friend! Mr Darcy danced once with each of the Bingley sisters, refused to be introduced to any other lady and spent the rest of the evening walking around the room.

Everyone disliked him. Mrs Bennet disliked him most of all because he had insulted one of her daughters.

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