

Dear All,

Welcome to Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*. As I describe this novel in the catalogue, *Northanger Abbey* has the distinction of being the first one Jane Austen wrote, and the last one published; in fact the novel's revision history has challenged many scholars to describe what parts were written by the young Austen, and what parts she revised later in life. There is much here for discussion. We will watch the two very different films of *Northanger Abbey* and find much to talk about in each.

The reading assignments for the 4 classes are given below, and I will also put them on doc store. While I recommended the Barnes and Noble edition of the novel, I realize that we will not all be reading the same text. The easiest way to give each assignment is to use the chapter numbers in the Barnes and Noble edition, but to give the **last sentence of the final chapter we read for that day.**

Thus:

- Oct. 19 **CHAPTERS. 1-9** (Barnes and Noble edition: pages 7-64)
(The last sentence of chapter 9 is: “. . . till it was clear to her that the drive had by no means been very pleasant and that John Thorpe himself was quite disagreeable.”)
- Oct. 26 **CHAPTERS 10-15** (pages 65-121)
(The last sentence of Chapter 15 is: “. . . her best regards to his father and mother, and her kind compliments to all the Skinners.”)
- Nov. 2 **CHAPTERS 16-23** (pages 122-179)
(The last sentence of chapter 23 is: “The clock struck twelve--and Catherine had been half an hour asleep.”)
- Nov. 9 **CHAPTER 24 TO CONCLUSION**