

Highbury Ning Expectations

Think of your work in creating your profile, writing blog posts, and interacting with the other members of Highbury society as enriching the text rather than rewriting the text. Feel free to imagine interior lives for characters we don't hear much from and speculate on the motivations behind unexplained events in the book—why *is* Frank Churchill in such a freak to get his hair cut in London?—but try to stick to the plot and character portrayals offered in the book. Emma shouldn't run off with Mr. Elton, nor should Miss Bates take a vow of silence.

Do not reveal any plot spoilers. If you have read ahead and want to write a blog post about future events, use the feature that allows you to set a time and date for your post to go live. Choose a time and date that will not spoil the plot for your classmates. Wait to write on a character's wall until the events have occurred in the class reading of the novel.

Despite the historical inaccuracy of this activity, don't introduce additional historical inaccuracies to the story. No computers, cars, airplanes, cell phones, time travel, and so forth.

Keep your Jane Austen Style Sheet handy and strive to write all your posts as a sincere imitation of her style.

Highbury Ning Required Elements

- A profile photo—this could be a photograph of an actor who portrayed your character in a movie adaptation, an image from a painting you find online, or an original sketch
- Friends—you should add the other members of Highbury society as your friends.
- Completed profile questions
- At least two blog posts from your character
- At least four comments on other character's walls

Optional

- Additional photos
- An RSS feed to your tweets
- A short video of you in character
- Any other posts, links or applications that enrich your character's profile