Pride and Prejudice Quotes 17-23

Explain the significance of the following quotes as they apply to theme, character, style, etc. Then, find three additional quotes from this reading section that also exemplify the literary elements in the novel. When you have compiled all of the quotes, write a brief statement of analysis linking the elements of three of the quotes together.

Laugh as much as you choose, but you will not laugh me out of my opinion.

--Chapter 17

It is your turn to say something now, Mr. Darcy. I talked about the dance, and you ought to make some kind of remark on the size of the room, or the number of couples.

--Chapter 18

It is particularly incumbent on those who never change their opinion, to be secure of judging properly at first.

--Chapter 18

I do assure you, Sir, that I have no pretension whatever to that kind of elegance which consists in tormenting a respectable man. I would rather be paid the compliment of being believed sincere. I thank you again and again for the honour you have done me in your proposals, but to accept them is absolutely impossible. My feelings in every respect forbid it. Can I speak plainer? Do not consider me now as an elegant female, intending to plague you, but as a rational creature, speaking the truth from her heart.

--Chapter 19

To such perseverance in wilful self-deception, Elizabeth would make no reply, and immediately and in silence withdrew; determined, that if he persisted in considering her repeated refusals as flattering encouragement, to apply to her father, whose negative might be uttered in such a manner as must be decisive, and whose behaviour at least could not be mistaken for the affectation and coquetry of an elegant female.

--Chapter 19

An unhappy alternative is before you, Elizabeth. From this day you must be a stranger to one of your parents. Your mother will never see you again if you do not marry Mr. Collins, and I will never see you again if you do."

--Chapter 20

Without thinking highly either of men or matrimony, marriage had always been her object; it was the only honourable provision for well-educated young women of small fortune, and however uncertain of giving happiness, must be their pleasantest preservative from want.