

Modern Persuasion by Sara Marks

Readers Guide

1. *Modern Persuasion* is a modernization of Jane Austen's *Persuasion*. What similarities did you notice between the two novels? What differences?
2. Anne Elliot became Emma Shaw in *Modern Persuasion*. What other difference did you notice between the two characters? What similarities did you notice?
3. Captain Wentworth became Fredrick Wentworth; is this where the similarities end between the two characters? What differences and similarities did you notice?
4. What other characters stood out as modernized or much like their original counterparts? Are there any characters you miss or are glad have not been included?
5. Who would you cast for each of the characters in a potential movie version of *Modern Persuasion*?
6. Emma, at 22, makes the decision to end her relationship with Fredrick in order to pursue her own goals and dreams. What would you have done in her place?
7. Emma realizes, years later, that while she made the right decision, she saw it as all or nothing instead of trying to find a solution that made them both happy. What options do you think the two of them ignored?
8. Is there a decision you have struggled to make, made the best choice with the information you had, but regretted the decision later?
9. What is the hardest decision you have had to make in your life, so far?
10. When reading Fredrick's section, it becomes clear that both Fredrick and Emma misinterpret each other's expressions, body language, and even words. How often, in your opinion, does this make situations go bad or get worse?