

therefore takes Emma's reassurance that "there have been matches of greater disparity" as an encouragement to think of Mr Knightley.

- Austen underlines that there is no such thing as simple communication, such as when Mr Knightley tries to declare his love for Emma.

Conclusion:

There is a huge significance of the amount of riddles and games explored in *Emma*. The games played reflect the rigorous social structure of Highbury and in many ways, the riddles could point us to try and unravel the conundrum that the novel so clearly is. During the trip to Box Hill one of the riddles put forward (what two letters of the alphabet are there, that express perfection?) has the answer "M and A" or Emma – the title of the novel. This might possibly be Austen indicating to the reader that they will need to analyse her book carefully in order to truly understand it.

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