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Austen's Legacy Answer Key

Sample Completed Chart

Aspect of Austen's Writing	Why It Has Lasted	Modern Relevance
Sharp social commentary	Critiques class and gender expectations	Still relevant in discussions of inequality and societal roles
Memorable characters	Complex, witty, and relatable personalities	Characters like Elizabeth Bennet inspire independence and critical thinking
Themes of love and choice	Explores how relationships shape identity	Mirrors modern conversations about agency and personal freedom

Sample Reflection Response

Jane Austen's work is worth studying today because her themes continue to speak to issues we still face. Her critique of class and gender roles shows how literature can challenge society, and her characters are still admired for their wit and independence. Although written over 200 years ago, her stories of love, choice, and identity remain powerful because they reflect universal human experiences.

Teacher Notes

- **Skill Focus:** Students reflect on **literary legacy** and connect classic works to the present.
- **Scaffolding Idea:** Provide a list of modern issues (gender equality, social class, relationships, personal agency) to help students make connections.
- **Extension:** Ask students to write a short "modern adaptation pitch" for one of Austen's novels, showing how it could connect with today's audience.