

Reading circle

**SENSE AND  
SENSIBILITY**

**Reading Circles** are small groups of students who meet in the classroom to discuss stories.

Each student has a special role, and there are six or more roles in the Circle:

Discussion  
Leader



Culture  
Collector



Passage  
Person



Summariser



Word Master



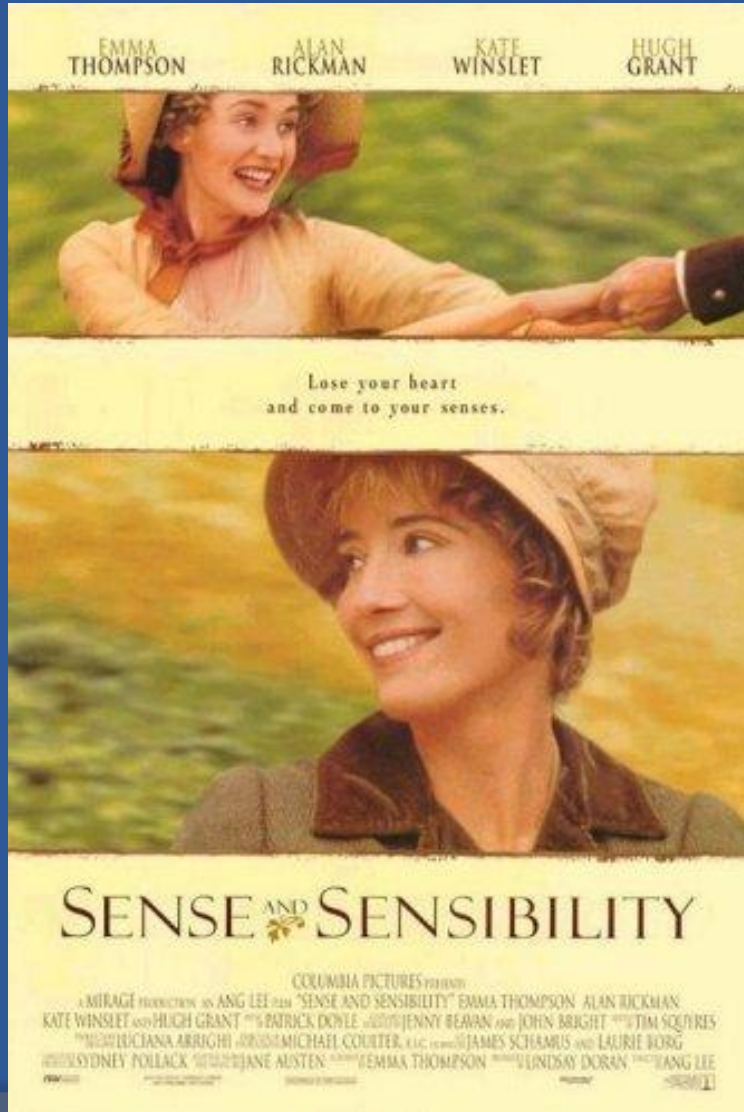
Connector



Then you  
choose  
counters  
(like on the  
slide)  
with the roles.

- ⦿ Each role has a role sheet, with notes and questions, which help learners to prepare for Reading Circles discussions in the classroom. After you choose the counter, you read the information and answer the questions.
- ⦿ Then you will have a discussion. The Discussion leader must remember about the time and control that everyone has a chance to participate in the discussion.

# Sense and sensibility



- ◉ It is a famous novel written by the English writer Jane Austen

# Background to the story



After the death of Mr Dashwood, his second wife and their three daughters, Elinor, Marianne and Margaret, are poor.

This is because property passes from father to son, and their half-brother John and his horrible wife Fanny now own Norland, their home.

John and Fanny are wealthy, but they refuse to help John's half-sisters and their mother.







Mrs Dashwood and the girls remain at Norlands for a few months because a friendship has developed between Fanny's brother Edward and Elinor.

Sir Johnson Middleton, a relative, offers them a small cottage in Devon. Their life is very different now.





Practical Elinor and romantic Marianne do not expect to meet anyone who will want to marry them, but they soon meet the wealthy and unmarried Colonel Brandon who falls in love with Marianne.

