**Year 7 English: *Sense and Sensibility* Film Study**

**Life in Regency England – Research**

* **What was life like in the England of Jane Austen’s time?**
* **Does the director of *Sense and Sensibility* (Ang Lee) faithfully re-create the setting, manners, clothing and social conditions of 1792-1797?**

1. What was the ‘Regency Period’?
2. What were the rules of inheritance at this time? Why were the rules so strict?
   1. How are these rules demonstrated in *Sense and Sensibility*?
3. What was the role and social status of women at this time? What power did they have over their own lives?
   1. How is this shown through the female characters of the film?
4. How did women dress? How was the style of dress different from the periods before and after Regency? Can you find any reasons for these differences?
   1. According to your research, is the costuming of the characters accurate? Provide examples or stills from the film to illustrate.
5. How did men dress?
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6. What were the most popular pastimes during this period?
   1. How does the director demonstrate this in his film?
7. How would you describe the ‘manners’ of the time? How did people speak to each other, socialise? What were the social rules of etiquette, i.e. what was ‘proper’ or ‘improper’ to do?
   1. Give some examples from the film to support your answer.