

***Sebastian's Pride* by Susan Wilkinson**

Post-reading Worksheet

After reading the novel, follow the instructions below

- **Pair Work**

Get together with one of your classmates and ask each other the questions you wrote after reading the introduction. Are the questions different? Have you got the answers now that you've read the novel? Do you agree on all the answers?

- **Scan the text and discuss**

Re-read pages 120 - 129

- How did Sebastian's father get so much land?
- What do you think of his behaviour and that of his eldest son, William?
- Do you agree with María's views of her husband?
- Can Robert Hamilton be considered a "coloniser"? In that case, is María colonised? A captive?

Re-read pages 142 - 143

- Consider Thomas's views on the gaucho and compare his attitude to that of his wife, Winifred.
- What themes are developed in the extract?
- What do the references to early Argentine literature contribute?
- What Anglo-Argentine writer actually "started to catalogue the many varieties of birds that inhabited the pampas and the marshes"?

A Critical Look

- What genres have you identified in the introduction? Are any other genres developed/parodied/echoed as the novel progresses?
- Could the novel be said to be a pastiche? A hybrid? Look up these words in a dictionary of literary terms and see if they apply.

- **Group the characters under the following headings**

Natives	English	Italian	Others

Are any characters difficult to classify? Why? Are there clear stereotypes that help you in the classification?

- Would you say this is an "intercultural" or "post-colonial" text? If so, why?

- Now that you've read the whole novel, would you say the novel is about you / the Argentines?
- Go over the extracts provided as a separate file and establish 10 hyperlinks between them. Send your hypertextual web to your tutor. Get ready to discuss in class
 - why you chose to establish those links
 - in what way you think the intertextual relationship between the texts helps throw light on the novel
- Would you recommend the novel? Write a short review.
- Have you found the novel useful in your language-learning process? If so, in what way?