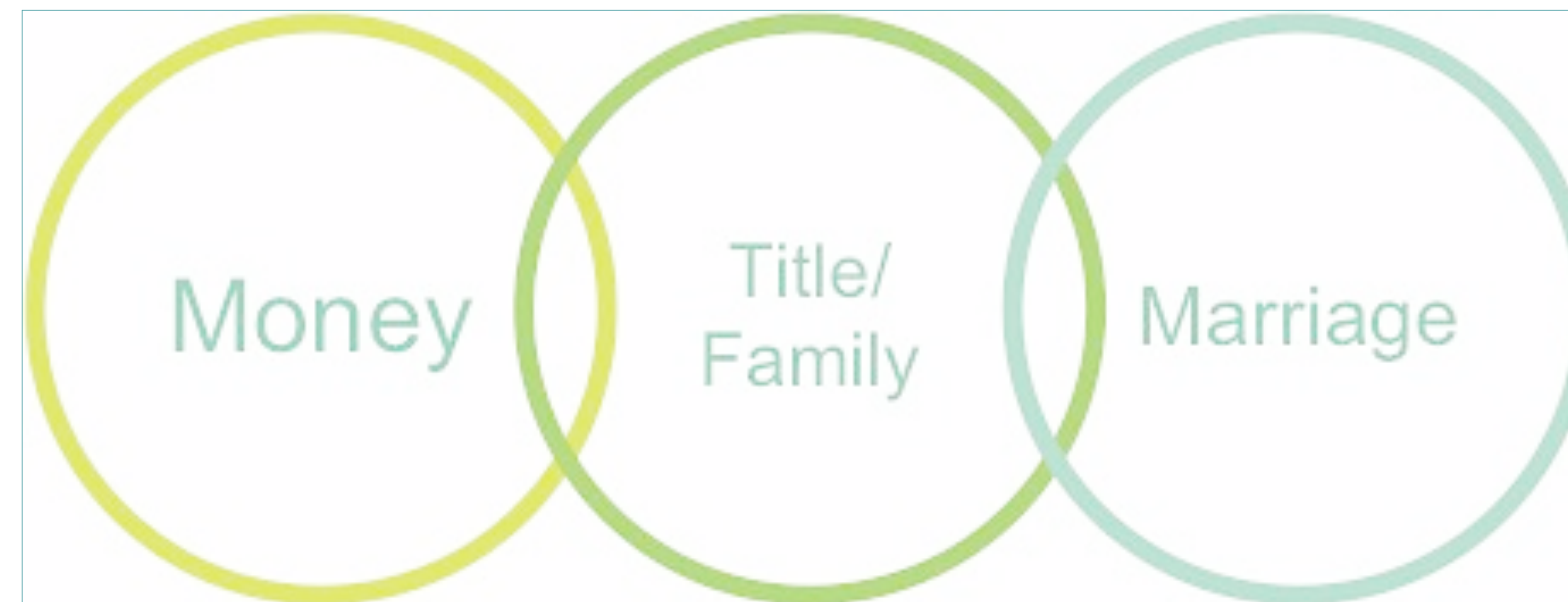


“Perhaps Austen was so ahead of her time, she couldn’t be completely understood by her contemporaries. Austen knew her characters went against the grain and that she was out of step with her times. It is a shame Austen never got to see her legacy. We buy into her work to such an extent that there is an endless stream of film and TV adaptations, sequels, prequels, mash-ups and homages.”

~ Helen Lefroy

Interconnected Themes



Society’s Influence on Characters
and Decision Making



Realist Writer

Describes society as
it is

Realism = rejection of
extravagance to
produce a lifelike
illusion and not a
direct translation of
reality

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Copies of *Pride and
Prejudice* sold between 1813
and 2013

Marriage ≠ Happiness

