

International Conversation Cafe

Lifestyle Topic: Weddings and Marriage

Choose the quotations and questions you would like to discuss in your group.

Music played at weddings always reminds me of the music played for soldiers before they go into battle. ~Heinrich Heine (1797-1856, German Poet)

Describe a traditional wedding in your home country? Are there nontraditional weddings?

What are some of your favorite wedding traditions?

What is your idea of a perfect wedding?

What are the typical colors found at a wedding in your home country/culture?

A great marriage is not when the 'perfect couple' comes together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences.

~Dave Meurer, "Daze of Our Wives"

Explain what this quote means and tell if you agree or disagree? Why?

What areas of agreement are important to you and what are not important?

Do you know anyone who exemplifies a great marriage? Who are they?

I pay very little regard...to what any young person says on the subject of marriage. If they profess a disinclination for it, I only set it down that they have not yet seen the right person. ~Jane Austen (1775 - 1817), Mansfield Park

What do you think Jane Austen is trying to say with this quote?

Do you agree with her? Why?

In your home country, do you have any traditions that help in finding a spouse?

Do you believe in love at first sight? Why?



Pieter Brueghel the Elder. The Wedding Dance. Oil on panel, 119.4 x 157.5 cm. Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, Michigan



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Tell about wedding receptions in your country? Would you like to join the one in the painting? Why or why not?