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1. The reason of a communion of interest between writers and readers during the Victorian age was the enormous growth in the middle classes, who were avid consumers of literature.
2. The novelists felt they had a moral and social responsibility to fulfil.
3. Novelists aimed at reflecting the social changes that had been progress for a long time, such as the Industrial Revolution, the struggle for democracy and the growth of towns.
4. They depicted society as they saw it.
5. Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens and Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen.
6. The main features are:

* The voice of the omniscient narrator provided a comment on the plot.
* The setting chosen by most Victorian novelists was the city (main symbol of industrial civilisations).
* The plot was long and often complicated by subplot.
* Writers concentrated on the creation of characters and thus achieved deeper analysis of the character’s inner life.
* Retribution and punishment were to be found in the final chapter.