

ENGLISH 151A

Sentences: Part 1 (Understanding Simple Sentences)

Underline each simple subject once and each simple predicate twice.

1. Murasaki Shikibu lived about 1,000 years ago in Japan.
2. Many experts consider her book *The Tale of Genji* the first novel.
3. The book tells the story of Prince Genji, the “Shining One.”
4. Murasaki’s novel and diary are still read today.
5. She described and analyzed human emotions with great insight.
6. Murasaki was unusual for her time.
7. She had been well educated.
8. Unlike many women of her time, she read and wrote.
9. At the time in Japan, men and women used different writing systems and writing styles.
10. Women were allowed a freer, less formal style of writing.
11. Murasaki used lovely images from nature in her work.
12. Few facts are known about Murasaki’s life, outside of her writings.
13. According to some sources, Murasaki married and had a daughter.
14. After her husband’s death, she went to live at the Japanese court.
15. Music, poetry, and gossip were pastimes of the court.
16. Women lived in separate quarters and hid behind screens.
17. Murasaki’s writings give great insight into the life of the court.
18. Her long novel about Genji was written over a period of many years.
19. Prince Genji’s life and loves are described in the book.
20. According to some, the end of the novel shows Murasaki’s belief in Buddhism and in the vanity of the world.