**WHY CATHERINE IS NOT A TYPICAL HEROINE OF THE GOTHIC AND ROMANTIC NOVELS OF THAT TIME**

**Family**: First of all, she belongs to a family that is absolutely normal; her father is a pastor (like Jane Austen’s father), her mother is healthy and both have a good character, she has a lot of brothers and sisters. She is treated well at home and her parents respect her feelings and interests.

**Physical appearance**: Catherine isn’t beautiful, she is very slim and plain, she has dark straight hair and colourless skin.

**Personality**: She doesn’t like the activities that are considered good for a woman at that time (for example, gardening, drawing, playing the piano) and she isn’t good at them. She has always liked activities that are considered for boys, for example when she was a child, she didn’t play with dolls, but she played outside with boys, she liked running and taking care of animals. She isn’t particularly intelligent, but she is kind and she usually has good sense. However, when she arrives at Northanger Abbey, this good sense abandons her