

Before-reading questions

- 1 Example answer:** Washington Square is a large square in New York City with beautiful big houses. Rich people live there.
- 2 Reader's own answer.**
- 3 Example answer:** He could get a good job. He could marry a rich woman. He could steal money. He could inherit money (get money from someone when that person dies).
- 4 Example answer:** Women had a much greater duty than men to their parents, and they could not always do what they wanted. Rich women did not work, so they usually needed men for money. If a woman was rich, she usually had to marry a man from a "good" family (a family with money).

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1** Dr. Sloper is disappointed in his daughter because she is not a boy and she is not beautiful or intelligent, like her mother was.
- 2** She thinks that he is the cleverest, handsomest, and most respected man in the world. She always wants to make him happy but she never succeeds.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1** Morris Townsend is the cousin of Marian's fiancé (Marian is Catherine's cousin). Catherine meets him at a party at her Aunt Elizabeth's house.
- 2** Catherine finds Morris handsome, clever, and charming.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1** Morris lives with his sister, Mrs. Montgomery, who is a widow with five children. He doesn't have a job.
- 2** Dr. Sloper thinks that Morris Townsend is conceited. He thinks that Morris does not want to find a job. He thinks Morris wants to marry his unintelligent but rich daughter.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1** Aunt Lavinia wants Catherine to marry Morris because she wants them to have an exciting love story, and because she really likes Morris.
- 2** He makes her sad because he does not want her to marry Morris. But Catherine loves Morris and wants to marry him.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1** Dr. Sloper goes to visit Morris's sister, Mrs. Montgomery.
- 2** Dr. Sloper learns that Morris takes his sister's money, he prefers not to work, and he only thinks about himself.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1** Catherine is angry with Aunt Lavinia because she is interfering in Catherine and Morris's relationship by meeting with him, and Catherine does not like it.
- 2** Dr. Sloper laughs because he does not know if Catherine will give Morris up or not, and he finds this interesting. He is a doctor and he thinks that he is good at understanding people, so he likes to try to guess what they will do.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Aunt Lavinia wants Catherine to be more sentimental, like a poor lover in a book.
- 2 Catherine wants to wait until her father changes his mind about Morris.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 She thinks that she should not live in his house if she does not do what he wants. He wants her not to marry Morris.
- 2 Dr. Sloper takes Catherine to the mountains to show her that she will be left alone by Morris if she marries him, just like they are alone in the mountains.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Morris is now a merchant.
- 2 **Example answer:** Catherine respects her father less now because he did not listen to her idea seriously (when she said “I shouldn’t live in your house if I don’t do what you want”). She became angry with him for the first time after his cold words and does not mind now that her father does not approve of Morris. She will do what she wants.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Morris gives Catherine up because she will not inherit her father’s money.
- 2 Morris’s plans are to go to Philadelphia on business.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Dr. Sloper thinks that Catherine and Morris are planning to marry when he dies. He thinks this because Catherine does not marry anyone else and she seems happy.
- 2 It says, “I don’t want [Catherine] to inherit all of my money because a young man might marry her only for that.”

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Morris looks older and a bit sadder. He is fat, most of his hair is gone, and he has a big beard.
- 2 Catherine does not want to marry Morris now because he treated her badly and she felt it very strongly for years.

After-reading questions

Reader’s own answers.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 b, f, g
- 2 a, c
- 3 d, e

CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE

- 2 1 Can you tell me **where Catherine lives?**
Catherine lives in Washington Square, New York City.
- 2 Do you know if **Catherine’s mother is still alive?**
Yes. She is not. Catherine’s mother died when Catherine was a baby.
- 3 Do you think that **Catherine likes Morris?**
Yes, I think that she likes him very much.
- 4 Do you know **how much money Catherine will inherit?**
She will inherit \$30,000 a year.
- 5 Do you know **what Morris’s sister is called?**
She is called Mrs. Montgomery.
- 6 Can you tell me **what Morris does to help his sister?**
He gives her children lessons.

CHAPTERS FOUR AND FIVE

- 3 1 Dr. Sloper **does not approve** of Morris Townsend.
 2 Catherine **wants to do her duty**.
 3 Dr. Sloper thinks that Morris is **mercenary**.
 4 Morris is worried that Catherine will **give him up**.
 5 Dr. Sloper **is often sarcastic**.
 6 Dr. Sloper does not like Catherine's **engagement**.

CHAPTER SIX

- 4 1 Aunt Lavinia met **with** Morris.
 2 Catherine is angry **with** her about it.
 3 Morris has dark lines **under** his eyes.
 4 Catherine is frightened **of** her father.
 5 Aunt Lavinia is disappointed **in** her niece.
 6 Catherine knocks **on** the door to her father's library.
 7 Catherine's father cares **about** her.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 5 1 "Stop **interfering** in Catherine's life."
 (d Dr. Sloper)
 2 "Are you **trying** to murder your child?"
 (a Aunt Lavinia)
 3 "I've **waited** for you for a long time now."
 (b Morris)
 4 "If I marry you now, I **won't inherit** any of his money." (c Catherine)

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 6 1 "Why don't you see him three times a day?"
Sarcastic
 2 "I'm not a very good man," he continued,
 "and you're making me very angry."
Not sarcastic
 3 "I don't like that idea. Let's not talk about it."
Not sarcastic
 4 "Would you like to be left to die all alone in a place like this?"
Sarcastic

CHAPTER NINE

- 7 1 Catherine: "I'm **braver** now."
 2 Catherine: "My father will never change his **mind**."
 3 Aunt Lavinia: "Morris has become a **merchant**."
 4 Morris: "I'll try to **persuade** him."
 5 Catherine: "I **respected** my father very much before."
 6 Aunt Elizabeth: "Catherine will never **give** Morris up."

CHAPTER TEN

- 8 1 a 2 d 3 b 4 c

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 9 1 Catherine **does not tell** her father that Morris ended the engagement.
 2 **Two** other men propose to Catherine.
 3 One of the men is a clever young **lawyer**.
 4 Catherine **works**.
 5 She is **not old yet**, but she seems **old**.
 6 Aunt Lavinia **never** speaks of Morris to her niece.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 10 Morris: "You haven't changed at all!
 You've had a ¹ **good** life."
 Catherine: "I've had a ² **quiet** life."
 Morris: "Do you ³ **hate** me?"
 Catherine: "No, I don't."
 Morris: "We can have a ⁴ **future**
 together! Let's forget the ⁵ **past**."
 Catherine: "No. You treated me ⁶ **badly** and
 I felt it very ⁷ **strongly** for years.
 The past is ⁸ **dead** to me now."

Project work

Reader's own answers.