

1 Complete the information about the writer of the story.

Name: ¹Henry James / James Henry

Born in: ²New York / Washington, USA

In: ³1843 / 1943

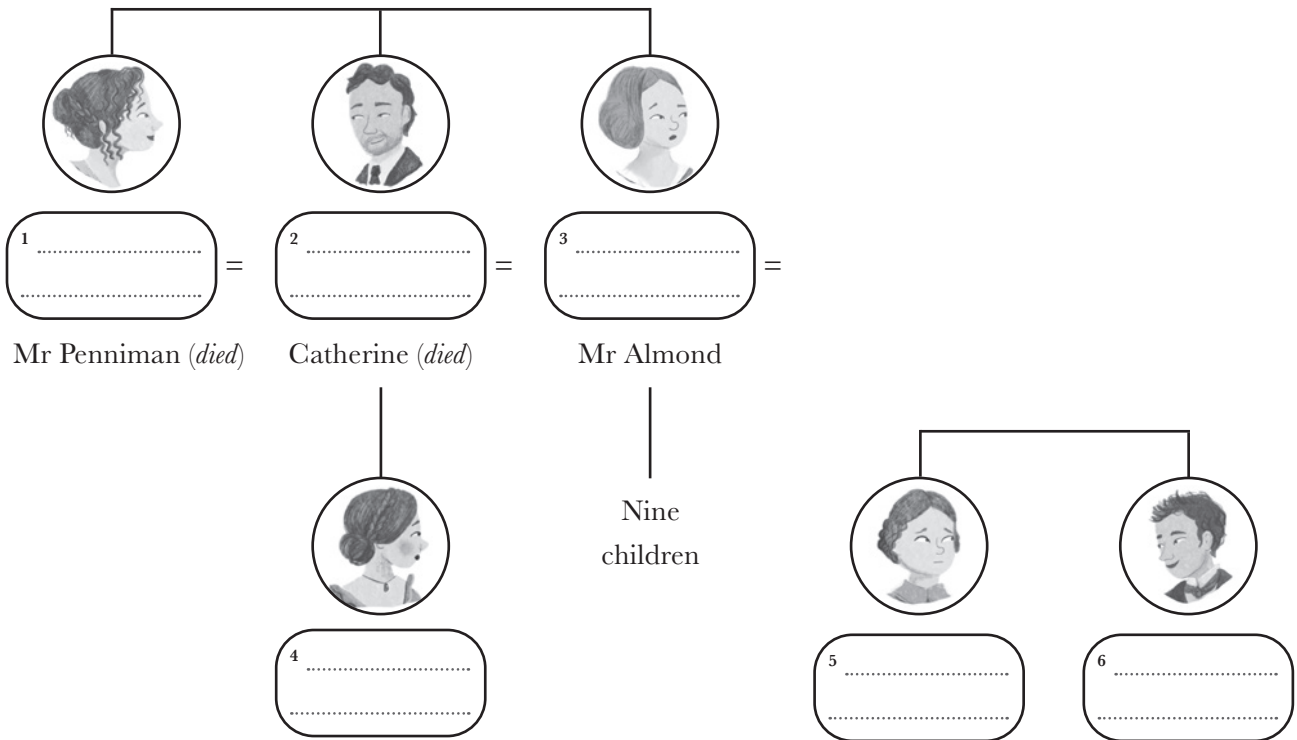
His family were: ⁴poor / rich and spent a lot of time in ⁵Africa / Europe

He moved to: the United Kingdom in 1915 ⁶a year / ten years before his death

He wrote about: ⁷duty, marriage, and money / love, war, and work in ⁸1840s / 1940s New York

2a Look at the pictures. Complete the family tree.

Aunt Elizabeth	Aunt Lavinia	Catherine Sloper
Dr. Sloper	Morris Townsend	Mrs. Montgomery



2b Read the descriptions and write the correct names from 2a.

- 1 He was clever, funny, and honest, and everyone thought well of him.
- 2 She was an intelligent, sensible woman.
- 3 She was silly and sentimental.
- 4 She was not tall, but she had good skin and straight brown hair.
- 5 She was short and a little fat, with bright, intelligent eyes.
- 6 He was tall, young, handsome, and conceited.

2c Decide if these sentences are T (*true*) or F (*false*). Correct the false ones.

- 1 Aunt Lavinia was a poor widow with five children.
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- 2 Aunt Elizabeth was married to a rich merchant and had a big family.
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- 3 Catherine's mother died not long after she was born.
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- 4 Aunt Lavinia was Dr. Sloper's favorite sister.
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- 5 Catherine loved her father but was frightened of him.
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- 6 Morris Townsend was not interested in Catherine's money.
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3a Look at the pictures. Put them in the order they happen in the story (1-6).

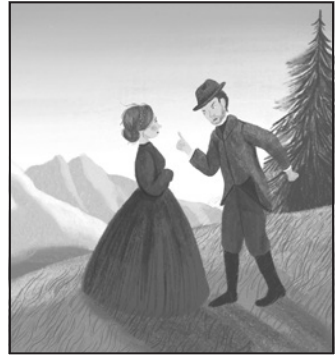
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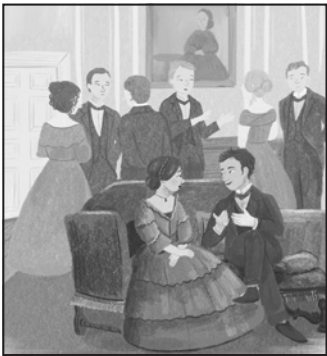
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3b Write a caption for each picture in 3a, as if you were Catherine writing in her diary.

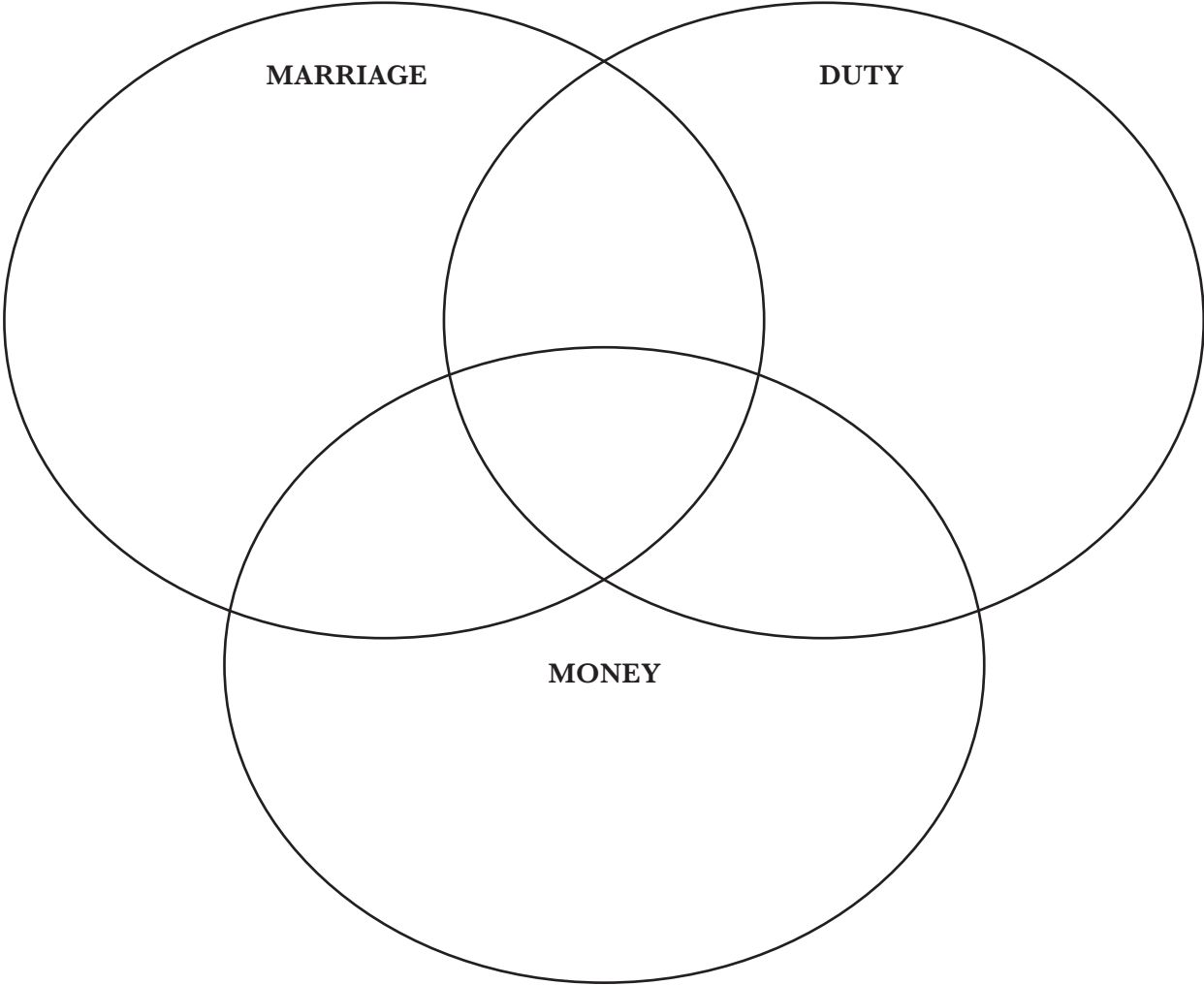
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4a Read the words and complete the information.

	Who wrote these words?	Who were they written to?	Where were they written?	Why were they written?
<i>Wait and give me a little time to think.</i>				
<i>Morris, you're killing me! I'm sorry that you're annoyed with me.</i>				
<i>I had to leave because I was only making problems for you. You have a duty to your father and I must not make him angry with you. I will be away from New York for many months. When I come back, we should meet as friends. I hope that you have a happy life.</i>				
<i>My daughter already has enough money from her mother. I don't want her to inherit all of my money because a young man might marry her only for that. I believe that she is still interested in dangerous young men.</i>				

5 Complete this mind map with the words in the box. Some words can go in more than one category.

mercenary approve will engaged give up independence
love merchant inherit propose fiancé(e) trust respect



6a Work with a partner. One of you is Catherine Sloper and one of you is Morris Townsend. Imagine the conversation between them when they meet again at the end of the book. Write some questions and answers.

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6b Now imagine that Catherine Sloper married Morris Townsend. Write a different ending to the book.

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