

Daisy Miller

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A Before Reading

1 Here are the main people in this story. Write three to five words to describe each person. What do they look like? What kind of people do you think they are?

















2 Look at the picture on page 13.

- (a) Describe what is happening in this picture. Who are the people in this picture? Where are they? When and where do you think this story takes place?
- (b) Guess how Daisy Miller is connected to these people. Make three predictions about Daisy and the story, e.g. 'I think that ...'

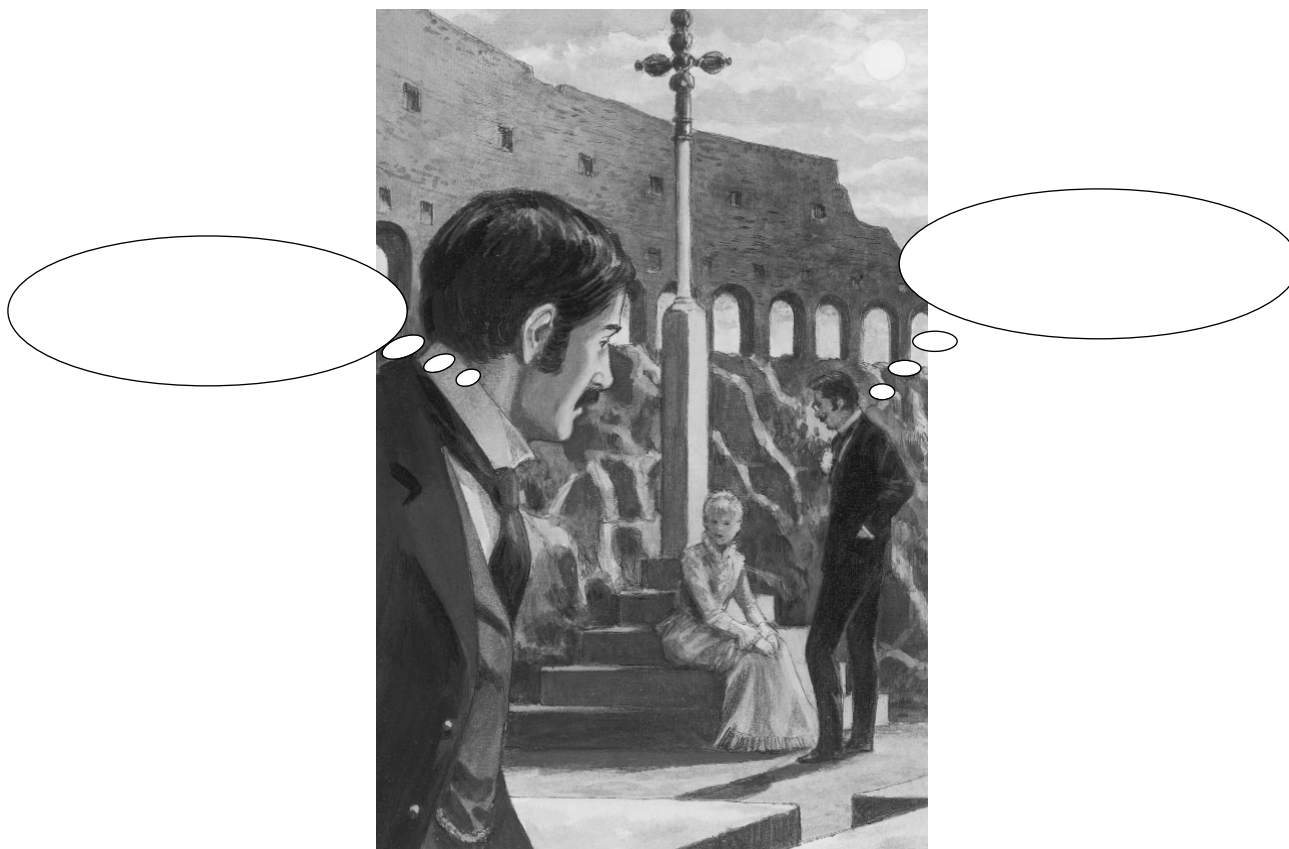
B While Reading

3 The story mentions five tourist sites while the characters are visiting Rome. Put them into the order in which they are mentioned. Write who visits each place and what happens there.

Place	Who visits	What happens
1		
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- 4 Complete the sentences from the story by filling out the missing characters' names.
- (a) ... when a pretty young American girl stands in front of you in a hotel garden, it is difficult to do nothing. So _____ decided to speak to her.
 - (b) 'If I didn't have so many headaches, I would have done a lot of great things in the world,' _____ often said.
 - (c) '_____ knows lots of Italians, but he would like to meet some Americans. He likes Americans very much. _____ is terribly clever and absolutely lovely!'
 - (d) Winterbourne had not seen _____ since their conversation in the carriage. Although the conversation had been difficult, _____ did invite Winterbourne to her party.
 - (e) However, at parties, _____ never waited for people to speak to her.
 - (f) Winterbourne had wanted to speak to _____ about Daisy's behaviour... But _____ was a foolish woman. He did not think that she would care, or even understand.
 - (g) Polite society had decided that _____ had gone too far. Polite Americans did not behave like _____. And they wanted Europeans to know that.
 - (h) _____ had always behaved very politely towards Winterbourne. He listened when Winterbourne was talking. He laughed pleasantly at the things Winterbourne said.

- 5 Look at the picture below (on page 71). Who are the characters? What are they thinking? Fill in the thought bubbles for each character.



C After Reading

- 6 At the end of the story Daisy dies. She had romantic feelings for Winterbourne but never told him. Imagine she didn't die and that Daisy and Winterbourne became lovers. Write a paragraph (six to eight sentences) describing how their relationship develops.
- 7 This story is about good manners. In 1875, when the story is set, the correct way of behaving was very important. List some of the examples of 'correct' behavior from the story. Is this still 'correct' today? Are there some social rules from your country that are the same as in this story? Are there some different rules from your culture?