

BEGINNER LEVEL

Washington Square by Henry James

A Before Reading

- 1 Read the back cover of the book. Look at the front cover. Now look at *The People in This Story* on page 6. You are going to direct a film of **Washington Square**. You don't know much about the story but you are going to make some plans. Which film stars or actors are going to be in your film?
- 2 Read the list of chapter titles on the Contents page. Will this be a happy story or a sad story? What do you think?

B While Reading

- 3 'My father is a hard, cruel man,' says Catherine Sloper. Is this true/not true? Read the story and write sentences from the story in this chart. Write Austin Sloper's words. Or write other peoples' words about Austin Sloper.

'My father is a hard, cruel man.'	
True	Not True



- 4 Austin Sloper speaks to his daughter, Catherine. He is talking about Morris Townsend. 'He doesn't love you. He loves your money,' Doctor Sloper says. Is this true/not true? Read the story and write sentences from the story in this chart.



'He doesn't love you. He loves your money.'	
True	Not True

C After Reading

5 Do you like or dislike the people in this story? Number them from 1 to 8. (e.g. 1 = I like this person best. 8 = I dislike this person most.)



6 Write a happy ending for this story. You can start from any place in the story. You can change anything in the story!

7 This story happens between 1847 and 1866. Think about life in a city in the middle of the nineteenth century. Think about life in a city in the beginning of the twenty-first century. There are big differences. Make a chart of some of the differences.

City life in the middle of the nineteenth century	City life now