Chapters 1-2
1 Open answers

2 (a) Open answers
(b) Is that your aunt? Yes, my father's sister.
(c) What did she decide? She plans to go away.
(d) Was her life short? Yes, he died at twenty.
(e) Did he marry her? Yes, she's his wife now.
(f) What's your opinion? I think he's a good man.
(g) What's your profession? I'm a teacher.
(h) Who was at the society dance? All my rich friends.
(i) Are you telling the truth? Yes, you know I am.

3 (a) Austin Sloper is a New York doctor. His wife and son are dead. He has a daughter, Catherine.
(b) Lavinia Penniman is Dr Sloper's sister. She has no children and no money.
(c) Morris is talking about work. He can use something that he can bring to a job.
(d) He says that he is going to buy coffee.
(e) Yes, he writes her two letters every month.
(f) Catherine is talking about Morris. She wants her father to like him first.
(g) She plans to go away and marry Morris.
(h) He gives most of his money to hospitals in the USA. Perhaps it shows that he really does not love Catherine very much.

Activities before reading the book
(a) Morris Townsend
(b) Catherine Sloper, Dr Austin
(c) One. His first child died.

Activities while reading the book
Chapter 1
1 (a) (Washington Square, New York. (b) She began to wear strong, noisy colours.
(c) He wanted to be proud of her, but he wasn't. He was sometimes angry because his only child was ordinary.
(d) She is the daughter of Mrs Almond. Mrs Almond is the younger of Dr Sloper's sisters.
(e) He thinks that Morris likes Catherine because she is rich.
(f) She thinks Morris is handsome, clever and honest.
2 (a) Dr Sloper
(b) Catherine
(c) Open answers

Chapter 2
1 (a) Right. (b) Wrong. He is thirty-somthing. (c) Wrong. He has no money now. (d) Right. (e) Wrong. His family are poor. (f) Right. (g) Right.
2 (a) Open answers

Chapter 3
1 Bad, bad, bad, bad, bad
2 Because he doesn't think he is honest, and he thinks that he wants Catherine's money.
3 Open answers

Chapter 4
1 (a) To tell him that she wants to marry Morris.
(b) To tell him that he wants to marry Catherine.
(c) He wants her to forget Morris.
(d) Dr Sloper.
(e) That she gives him money, and he teaches her children Spanish.
(f) Catherine.
2 (a) Morris to Catherine's father.
(b) Dr Sloper to Mrs Montgomery.
(c) Morris to Dr Sloper.
(d) Dr Sloper to Catherine.
(e) Mrs Montgomery to Dr Sloper.
(f) Catherine to her father.
(g) Mrs Montgomery to Dr Sloper.
3 (a) Perhaps because Catherine very much wants someone to love her. Her father is not very loving to her. Morris is kind to Catherine and she feels happy when she is with him.
(b) Open answers

Chapter 5
1 Catherine wrote a long letter of five pages to Morris. But Mrs Penniman wanted Catherine to run away with Morris. She met him in a small restaurant and they talked for half an hour. Morris did not like Mrs Penniman and was cold and polite. Mrs Penniman told Morris to run away with Catherine. When Mrs Penniman told Catherine about this meeting, Catherine was angry. She said she was afraid of her father. Later that evening, Catherine spoke to her father again about Morris. He said, 'You marry Morris, and you get nothing from me.' Catherine cried and cried and her father was not kind to her.

Open answers

Answers to Factsheet activities
Communicative activities
Open answers
Student's activities

Activities after reading the book
1 Catherine changes a lot in this story. When the story starts she is quiet and not very interesting. She wants to please her father, that is all. She is not beautiful or exciting.
2 But she becomes stronger. Morris really hurts her. Perhaps she never marries because of this. She cannot feel happy with men - her father really hurt her too. Washington Square is a sad story.
3 But she works hard for churches and hospitals and everybody likes her. She becomes a stronger, more interesting woman. Is she a happy woman? We do not know.

Activities after reading the book
1 (a) Morris. 'Because I wanted to see you.' (b) Catherine. 'You can say you must wait.'
2 (a) Dr Sloper. 'I don't know father. We cannot decide.' (b) Morris. 'Oh no, Morris.' (c) Dr Sloper. 'No, father.' (d) Dr Sloper. 'Yes, I get two letters every month.'
3 (a) Open answers
(b) No, they are not happy. They are not friends. They do not talk.

Chapter 7
1 Open answers
2 (a) Morris found a job. Catherine wants to marry Morris. (b) He doesn't want to marry her. (c) Catherine because she will not have her father's money. (d) That he is going to leave her. (e) Stronger. She is not so afraid of her father.
3 (a) Open answers

Chapter 8
1 I'm very happy to be in the right.' He jumped up and laughed. 'Hah! I know it! ... You're not a nice girl, Catherine - to play with him for more than a year and then forget him? ... Catherine had her little dance, and now she's sitting down... Most of Dr Sloper's money went to hospitals across the United States.
2 Dr Sloper dies. Catherine knows she will never marry Morris. She never marries but works hard for churches and hospitals. She goes out in society and everyone likes her. Morris breaks with Catherine. He leaves New York. Twenty years later he is fat with very little hair. Mrs Penniman does not change. But the doctor gives her some money when he dies.
3 (a) Open answers
(b) Catherine because she will not have much money.
(c) That she gives him money, and that she wants him to leave her.
(d) Catherine because she is rich.
(e) Catherine cried and cried and her father was not kind to her.
(f) Because he doesn't think he is honest, and he thinks that he wants Catherine's money.

Activities before reading the book
(a) Morris to Catherine's father.
(b) Catherine to her father.
(c) Catherine to Dr Sloper.
(d) Catherine to her father.
(e) Open answers

Writing
12-15 Open answers
Washington Square Park is a 9.75-acre (39,500 m²) public park in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Lower Manhattan, New York City. One of the best known of New York City’s public parks, it is an icon as well as a meeting place and center for cultural activity. It is operated by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC Parks). The park is an open space, dominated by the Washington Square Arch at the northern gateway to the park, with a tradition of celebrating nonconformity. The park was renamed in honor of George Washington. Use this Washington Square visiting information to plan your visit; it’s just one block from Independence Hall. Burial Ground. William Penn patented this square in 1706 as a Potter’s Field, or a public graveyard for the poor. Free and enslaved Africans were interred here alongside suicide victims, those unaffiliated with a church, and strangers to the city. More than 60 Native Americans who died from smallpox were buried here in 1763. Washington Square may refer to: Washington Square (Bangkok), Thailand. Washington Square, Pasadena, California, a neighborhood of Pasadena, CA. Washington Square (Brookline), Massachusetts. Washington Square (MBTA station), Brookline. Washington Square (Charleston), South Carolina. Washington Square, New Orleans, Louisiana, in the Faubourg Marigny. Washington Square (Newport, Rhode Island). Washington Square (Philadelphia), Pennsylvania, park. Washington Square West, Philadelphia, neighborhood. Indeed, Washington Square is the neighborhood in which Henry James was born. The novel focuses on a particular American neighborhood during a precise historical period. Nonetheless, the fact remains that Henry James did not write Washington Square from the standpoint of a New Yorker who was a resident of an old historic neighborhood. Henry James was living in London at the time— but he wrote the story while in Paris. Washington Square Park (WSP) is the “heart” of Greenwich Village where you can enjoy the gardens, musicians, acrobats & jugglers and people watching and browse the shops on the nearby streets, especially Broadway. Had a good ride to the park on the Citibike. There is a large deployment of them around the square. Interesting place to people watch as there are a large assortment of different folks here. Some were playing music, couple of skateboarders, couple of busker/hustler folks.