Pre-reading Activity 1: Vocabulary Building

A. This young prince will become the king in the future.

B. If you rent a sailboat, you will be excited to go sailing along the West Coast.

C. Madame Beaumont was well served during her stay in the hotel.

D. I should grow a lotus in my pond for its beautiful flowers.

E. The hotel guests are usually regarded as transients because they only stay a few days there.

F. Arcadia is a peaceful place with simple pleasures.

Pre-reading Activity 2: Predicting the Story

Who?
B

What?
D or C

When?
E

Where?
A

How?
C or D

What do you think this story will be about?

Answers will vary.
While-reading Activity 1: Hotel Description

*Description of the Hotel Lotus:*

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While-reading Activity 2: Describing the Main Characters

**Madame Beaumont:**

1. beautiful
2. a perfect guest
3. a sweet and soft person

**Mr. Farrington**

1. quiet but good clothes
2. pleasant face
3. good manners

**Both**

1. not rich
2. alone
3. honest
4. happy
Post-reading Activity 1: Right There

- **When and where does the story take place? (pp. 62-63)**
  
  The story takes place in a hotel on Broadway in New York during a hot summer.

- **Who are the two main characters of this story? (pp. 63-64)**
  
  Madame Beaumont and Mr. Farrington

- **How do the main characters meet? (p. 64)**
  
  They meet in the restaurant of the hotel. Madame Beaumont drops something and Mr. Farrington returns it to her and they start talking.

- **Why do they go to the hotel? (pp. 64-65)**
  
  They both want to escape the noise and dust of New York for a few days. They want to live like rich people and stay in a very good hotel.

- **What are the true identities of the two main characters? (pp. 65-66)**
  
  They are both working-class people with jobs in retail. They saved money for a long time for the chance to stay in this hotel.

- **What do the main characters decide to do at the end? (p. 66)**
  
  They decide to go to the pleasure park on Coney Island next pay day.
Post-reading Activity 2: Characters and You

Answers may vary.

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<td>was said that she was a woman who had traveled all over the world. (p. 63)</td>
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<td>2. “I hope they don’t discover the Lotus this week,” said Madame. (p. 64)</td>
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<td>3. “I promise myself three more days of this delightful rest,” said Madame Beaumont.</td>
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<td>4. “Listen, Mamie. Will you go to the pleasure park on Coney Island with me on pay</td>
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<td>day?” (p. 66)</td>
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<td>5. And he said, “Forget that ‘Harold Farrington,’ will you? McManus is the name—</td>
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