

ANSWER KEY | Transients in Arcadia

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:

Location and Environment	Food and Services	Guests
1. <u>F</u>	1. <u>A</u>	1. <u>C</u>
2. <u>G</u>	2. <u>B</u>	2. <u>D</u>
3. <u>H</u>	3. <u>E</u>	3. <u>I</u>
	4. <u>J</u>	

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

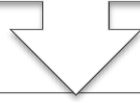
Both

1. not rich
2. alone
3. honest
4. happy

Post-reading Activity 1: Right There

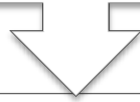
When and where does the story take place? (pp. 62-63)

The story takes place in a hotel on Broadway in New York during a hot summer.



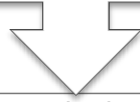
Who are the two main characters of this story? (pp. 63-64)

Madame Beaumont and Mr. Farrington



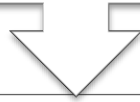
How do the main characters meet? (p. 64)

They meet in the restaurant of the hotel. Madame Beaumont drops something and Mr. Farrington returns it to her and they start talking.



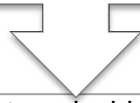
Why do they go to the hotel? (pp. 64-65)

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.

Events in the Story	Character's Feelings	My Feelings
1. A story about Madame Beaumont was told among the guests in the Hotel Lotus. It was said that she was a woman who had traveled all over the world. (p. 63)		Answers will vary
2. "I hope they don't discover the Lotus this week," said Madame. (p. 64)		Answers will vary
3. "I promise myself three more days of this delightful rest," said Madame Beaumont. "The next day my ship sails." (p. 65)		Answers will vary
4. "Listen, Mamie. Will you go to the pleasure park on Coney Island with me on pay day?" (p. 66)		Answers will vary
5. And he said, "Forget that 'Harold Farrington,' will you? McManus is the name—James McManus. Some call me Jimmy." (p. 66)		Answers will vary