

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 1137 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer each question.

- 4. Identify Irony** In literature, **situational irony** is a contrast between what is expected to happen and what actually happens. Circle the words that describe how Rosemary feels about herself when she first meets Miss Smith. Underline the words that describe how Rosemary feels at the end of the story.

a. charitable b. angry c. inadequate d. superior e. proud f. threatened

This change is ironic because _____

- 5. Analyze Point of View** Underline only one word in parentheses and then complete the following sentence.

Knowing what Rosemary is thinking and feeling makes her (more, less) likeable because _____

- 6. Make Inferences About Character Motivation** Match Rosemary’s actions with her motivations. Write the letter of the motivation you think best explains each action on the line beside the action.

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| ____ 1. Rosemary brings Miss Smith home. | a. Rosemary feels threatened by Miss Smith. |
| ____ 2. Rosemary decides to help Miss Smith. | b. Rosemary is bored and wants an adventure. |
| ____ 3. Rosemary sends Miss Smith away with only a few pounds. | c. Rosemary is insecure and fears abandonment. |
| ____ 4. Rosemary asks Philip if she is pretty. | d. Rosemary wants to impress her friends and feel worthwhile. |

- 7. Draw Conclusions About Social Context** Reread the background information on page 1104. It describes the social context, or social conditions of the times, that inspired the creation of this story. Then complete the following sentence.

I think Mansfield is criticizing the conventions of marriage among the upper class in her time because _____
