

Week 9

Name of the Story	A Cup of Tea By Katherine Mansfield	Themes	Kindness, Luxury living, insecurities, humble.
Useful or interesting Quotes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I would rather not part with them than sell them to someone who does not appreciate them. 2. The girl stood just inside the door; she seemed dazed. But Rosemary didn't mind that. 3. "Be frightfully nice to her. Look after her. I don't know how. We haven't talked yet. But show her—treat her—make her feel—" 4. "If I may venture to point out to madam, the flowers on the little lady's bodice" 		
Vocabulary (5 new words and meanings)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crept: Slow moving to avoid being noticed 2. dreamy: having a magical or pleasantly unreal quality; dreamlike. 3. Dazzle: Something is amazing 4. pavement: a raised paved or asphalted path for pedestrians at the side of a road. 5. Startled: feeling sudden shock 		
Summary (within 150 words)	<p>Rosemary Fell was attractive, young, intelligent, ultra-modern, unusually well-dressed, and incredibly well-read. She was wealthy and threw lavish parties. Rosemary stepped into a little antique shop on Curzon Street one winter day. The man behind the counter displayed "an excellent small enamel box" with a delicate finish. Rosemary begged the shopkeeper to hold the box for her since it was too pricey at twenty-eight guineas. She meets with a beggar girl named Miss Smith asked for the price of a cup of tea, in a very sobbing. Rosemary brought that shivering thin beggar girl to her big cosy house. though Rosemary wanted to prove to that girl that wonderful things happen in life. The poor beggar girl felt much uncomfortable in Rosemary's house. After much difficulty Rosemary could handle that poor girl. At this juncture Philip, Rosemary's husband entered their room and wanted to know about this real pick up. He tried hard to make Rosemary understand the difficulties in her plans to be nice to this pick-up girl, and he explained that Rosemary's plans were just not feasible. But Philip had to adopt some other method to get rid of this poor beggar girl. He aroused feelings of jealousy in Rosemary's mind by praising beggar girl's beauty. He called her 'pretty' 'absolutely lovely'. Now Rosemary considered the beggar girl her rival in beauty.</p>		

	and love. Rosemary did not want to lose her husband. She paid the poor little girl a present of money and sent her out.
	<p>Answer the following questions in brief:</p> <p>Q1. From your point of view, why does Rosemary Fell bring Miss Smith home for tea?</p> <p>Ans: Rosemary Fell invited Miss Smith to tea to illustrate that she was a humble person. She wished to think that she, too, could help others.</p> <p>Q2. Who seems more vulnerable and in need of approval, Rosemary Fell or Miss Smith? Why do you think so?</p> <p>Ans: Rosemary, in my opinion, is more vulnerable than Miss Smith since she has more vulnerabilities. Miss Smith doesn't have anything to prove to herself; all she wants is to live a happy life. Rosemary, on the other hand, has a lot of money and wants to make a name for herself in society. But she also wants to show herself that she can be a successful person who can respond to society's demands. She is also self-conscious about her appearance and aura.</p>