

1. What kind of expectations does Emily's mother have for her?
2. What kind of expectations does her father have? How do they differ from her mother's?
3. Name some personality traits that Emily's mother values for girls.
4. Do mothers today value these same traits?
5. How important was cooking and cleaning to women and girls in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century?
6. How important are they today?
7. What skills does Emily feel every girl needs to know?
8. What skills does her mother think every girl should have?
9. What skills do you think every girl should have?
10. Emily feels her life is constrained because she's a girl. What kind of things does she want to do that she can't?
11. Do you feel your life is limited because you're a girl?
12. Emily is constantly trying to please her mother. Why?
13. Beatrice has a very different relationship with her mother than Emily has with hers. Describe the difference.
14. Of the three girl characters most described in the book, Emily, Beatrice, and Rose, which one most embodies feminine ideals of the time? How?
15. Of the three mothers, Emily's, Beatrice's, and Rose's, which one is the most traditional? Which one has the best relationship with her daughter? Why?
16. What kind of values do you think your mother wants you to have? Does she want the same kinds of things your father wants?
17. Use three words to describe each of the three girl characters in the book. Do the same thing for their mothers. Now do the same thing for yourself and your mother. Are any of the words the

same?

18. What kind of professions could a girl expect to have in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century?
19. What kind of professions can a girl expect to have today?
20. What has changed? Are these changes all good things? Why or why not?