

Washington Square

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What is the difference between the Doctor saying Morris belongs to the wrong 'category' and Morris insisting Catherine marries an individual?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Category versus individual
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Courtship confrontation - Sloper and Morris
START	The Doctor meditated a moment. My dear young man, he said at last, you must be very susceptible.
END	I don't want to believe in you! said the Doctor, smiling.
PASSAGE ID	sec-ws-02

THE MOVE

Compare two ways of evaluating a person

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Doctor Sloper evaluates Morris by category—fortune, profession, family, type—while Morris argues that Catherine chooses an individual. The exchange sets two competing ways of judging a person against each other.

MARK

Underline the Doctor's category-based reasons for rejecting Morris. Circle Morris's language about individual choice. Create two margin labels: TYPE and PERSON, and place the evidence under each.

NOTICE

- What information does the Doctor believe a category can predict about Morris?
- What does Morris claim category-based judgment misses?
- Which method seems more protective of Catherine, and which seems more respectful of her autonomy?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What is the difference between the Doctor saying Morris belongs to the wrong 'category' and Morris insisting Catherine marries an individual? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What is the difference between the Doctor saying Morris belongs to the wrong 'category' and Morris insisting Catherine marries an individual? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	The Doctor judges Morris by type—class, money, profession, family pattern—while Morris insists Catherine is choosing a particular individual. One method predicts character from category; the other claims individuality should outrank group classification.
EVIDENCE	Use the Doctor's category language and Morris's appeal to the individual person Catherine loves.
WATCH FOR	Do not decide too quickly which man is morally right. Compare what each method can see and what each risks overlooking.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

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3. THINK - Answer provisionally: What is the difference between the Doctor saying Morris belongs to the wrong 'category' and Morris insisting Catherine marries an individual?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.