Questions and Topics for discussion

1. Marcel’s scorecard: How many girls does he claim to have possessed?

2. What was Céleste Albaret’s maiden name? What is her sister’s given name?

3. Why did Sappho throw herself into the sea?

4. Why does Marcel accuse Albertine of a lesbian liaison with Andrée?

5. What are the elements of humor in the tribute paid to Céleste Albaret?

6. What is the virile gesture made by Charles Morel that enchants Charlus?

7. Why did Mme Verdurin get rid of Brichot’s mistress?

8. What is now Odette’s opinion of the Verdurins?

9. What is the name of Mme Verdurin’s favorite pianist?

10. Why does Cottard tell the Princesse Sherbatoff that Marcel ought to take up knitting?