Questions and Topics for discussion

1. Why does Mme Verdurin hate families?
2. Why does Dr. Cottard think that all nobles are more or less degenerates?
3. When Professor Brichot speaks about the possibility of war, whom does he blame for the lack of virility in young Frenchmen?
4. How does Morel’s treatment of Marcel change once the latter has lied for him?
5. Why is M. Verdurin cruel to Saniette?
6. Why does Mme Verdurin say of Elstir: “Now, there’s a man of whom you can say that it did him no good to leave our little nucleus”?
7. Why is Charlus said to be “irresistibly drawn by his own tendencies to the Eulenburg affair”?
8. Why does Marcel says that he does not “have an observant mind”?
9. What musical trick does Morel play on little group? How does the little group learn how he fooled them? What is their reaction?
10. What is Saint-Loup’s opinion of the Verdurins’ little clan?