Questions and Topics for discussion

1. How and on what occasion did Albertine meet Gilberte?
2. Why does Charlus show the letter he received from the footman to Vaugoubert?
3. How does Albertine’s strategy change once she suspects that he is in love with her?
4. Note Albertine’s rings with wings. How does this fit in with her overall characterization?
5. Why is Albertine eager to call on Mme Verdurin?
6. Why did Xerxes wish to punish the sea?
7. What is the name of Bloch’s cousin whose photograph he sends to Marcel?
8. What lessons does Françoise teach Albertine?
9. What prophecy does Françoise make regarding Albertine?