

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**American Literature and Composition Honors**  
**Ernest Hemingway**  
**“Cat in the Rain”**

1. Identify what the female protagonist is called throughout the whole story and explain why.
2. Explain how the cat symbolizes the wife.
3. Make a comparison between George and the hotel keeper. What function does each of these characters serve in the story?
4. What is the significance of the war memorial?
5. What could be the metaphorical value of the maid’s question to the wife: “Ha perduto qualche cosa, Signoria?” (“Have you lost something, Madam?”)
6. Why does the hotel keeper make the American wife “feel very small and at the same time really important”?
7. Discuss the references to the wife’s hair: Why does George like his wife’s hair “the way it is”? Why does the wife want to “make a big knot at the back”?
8. Describe how Hemingway juxtaposes the imagery of the weather by describing the two opposing atmospheres.