

Short Story: Cat in the Rain

Author: Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)



## TOPICS FOR CRITICAL THINKING, DISCUSSION and WRITING (In-class activity #2) → Studying the story:

- 1- Is it possible to say that there are some marriage problems in this story? Is there something that is missing? Explain.
- 2- What is the significance of the RAIN in the story?
- 3- What do you think THE CAT symbolizes in the context of the whole story?
- 4- Do you believe that THE CAT at the end of the story is the same one that the American wife saw earlier through the hotel window? Give reasons for your answer.
- 5- We know that the husband's name is George. However, why do you think Hemingway does not give the "American woman" or "American girl" an actual name and just calls her "the American wife"?
- 6- Why do you think Hemingway ended the story in the way he did? What do you feel this ending suggests?