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The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How does the book begin?

Setting - What role does the setting have on the plot?

Irony - Discuss the irony surrounding the term "polite society".

Characterization - How does May's character offer insight into Archer's personality?

Analogy - Illustrate an example of an analogy used in the novel to describe Archer's true feelings.

Symbolism - What does May's torn wedding dress symbolize?

Conflict - Is Archer and Ellen's failure to be together the result of internal or external conflict?

Theme - Explain the novel's main theme.

Have the rules of society improved since Archer's time?
