

# The Remains of the Day – Discussion Questions

1. What does Stevens care most deeply about? Can you articulate a worldview for him?
2. Consider Stevens's choices during his father's death and the dismissal of the Jewish servants. Where do his ethical responsibilities lie, given his historical and social context?
3. Discuss the social hierarchy to which Stevens is completely loyal, yet which exploits him thoroughly.
4. Would Miss Kenton ever have been happy with Stevens? Is she as culpable as Stevens regarding the dismissal of the Jewish maids? What might most people have done in her place?
5. The novel is famous for its unreliable narrator. What blinds Stevens, especially in his understanding of Lord Darlington?
6. What insights does Stevens gain by the end of the novel? Is he capable of real change?

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