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Discussion Questions

The Massey Murder by Charlotte Gray

1. After visiting her sister and brother-in-law Carrie Davies returned to her employer's home. Why do you think she did that?
2. Who was the victim in this story?
3. What role did the newspapers play? Would the story be told differently today?
4. What is your impression of how the Massey family dealt with the tragedy? This event is often referred to as a scandal for the Massey family. Do you think this is a fair representation?
5. Do you think it was the correct verdict? Why do you think the jury came to the conclusion it did? Do you feel like justice was served?
6. What difference did it make that Canada was at war?
7. What difference did the jury's decision make in the long term?
8. How did the women's suffrage movement affect the case?
9. What do you think about the idea of a separate court for female offenders, or of the defence of unwritten law?
10. What impression do you have of Crown prosecutor Edward Du Vernet and Defense lawyer Martley Dewart?

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