## Questions and Answers - At the 'Cadian Ball - Set 1

- 1. Who are the main characters in At the 'Cadian Ball?
  - The story follows the love lives of four characters and their love lives. The men Bobint and Alcee and two young women, Calixta and Clarisse are the four main characters of the short story.
- 2. Who is the protagonist of the story At the 'Cadian Ball?
  - There is no true protagonist of the story although the story is explained through the feelings and eyes of Bobint, Clarisse and Alcee.
- 3. What happened in the start of story At the 'Cadian Ball?
  - In the start of the story, Bobint is sad that his proposal was not accepted by Calixta and decides not to go to the 'Cadian Ball so as not to embarrass her.
- 4. What is the theme of At the 'Cadian Ball?
  - One of the main themes in "At the 'Cadian Ball" is forbidden love because Calixta and Alcee love each other or are attracted to each other, but they cannot be together because Alcee is from the wealthy upper class while Calixta is from a much lower working class.
- 5. What is the moral of At the 'Cadian Ball?
  - The moral of the story "At the 'Cadian Ball" written by Kate Chopin is that "love can exist only between equals". Note that this is a very old story and the world has changed since.

## Questions and Answers - At the 'Cadian Ball - Set 2

- 6. What is the message shared by the author in At the 'Cadian Ball?
  - The main message shared by the author Kate Chopin in the short story At the 'Cadian Ball is to describe forbidden love and that love is forced to exist within classes in a class rigid society of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 7. What is At the 'Cadian Ball short story about?
  - At the 'Cadian Ball is a short story written by Kate Chopin. In this story, a wealthy Creole
    Alcee is spurned by the one he loves Clarisse and Bobint, a farmer who is spurned by
    Calixta. The story is about forbidden love between two classes of people.
- 8. Why is At the 'Cadian Ball controversial when it first came out?
  - The story was released in the 1890s and it was considered highly controversial since it explained that the female protagonist was promiscuous and had affairs out of wedlock.

- 9. What happens in the end of the story?
  - In the end of the story, Calixta agrees to marry Bobint and Clarisse confesses her love to a delighted Alcee.
- 10. What is the difference in love and attraction described in the story the 'Cadian ball?
  - The author Kate Chopin writes and describes a clear distinction between love and attraction. Attraction is shown in the form of flirtation and lust while love is shown in the form of devotion and respect.

## Questions and Answers - At the 'Cadian Ball - Set 3

- 11. Describe Calixta in at the Cadian ball?
  - Calixta is a young and unmarried woman who is very beautiful. She is part of an Acadian community in Louisiana and is of the middle or lower classes of people. She is the love interest of Bobint, an Acadian farmer who wishes to marry her. She is also flirted with by of Alcee, a wealthy Creole planter.
- 12. Where is the story 'at the Cadian ball' set up?
  - The story takes place in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in Louisiana. The location is supposedly a few hours by train from New Orleans in that time. The location is mostly at the 'Cadian ball.
- 13. Who is Bobint in the Cadian Ball?
  - Bobint is an Acadian farmer who is described to be a simpleton and is very clumsy, dull-looking and not charismatic. He is desperately in love with Calixta, a very attractive lady of his own community. Bobint is also good-natured and is very honourable.
- 14. What happens when Alcee confesses his love to Clarisse?
  - Alcee returned back from the plantation and is covered in dirt. He is exhausted and tired but confessed love to Clarisse. She rejects him as she is scandalized by the prospect.