

Brooklyn

Section 3 - Brooklyn becomes home

1. During dinner with his family, how does Eilis react when Tony talks about 'Our kids' supporting the Yankees? Why do you think she feels this way?
2. Why does Eilis ask the older girl, Shiela, about marriage? What does she learn about marriage from Shiela?
3. When Eilis tells Tony that she loves him too, why do you think she doesn't want to talk about kids or anything else?
4. Fr Flood congratulates Eilis on passing the exams and says that she is a different girl from the one he first met. How has Eilis's life changed? How has she changed?
5. Although Eilis has learnt a lot about American life she still has things to learn. What aspects of the Coney Island sequence show that Eilis is still inexperienced?
6. How does the voiceover of Rose reading her letter to Eilis contrast with the image of her collapsing?
7. What does Eilis find particularly hard about the fact that she is in New York when Rose dies?
8. Why does Tony bring Eilis to see the land his family have bought in Long Island?
9. Why does Tony ask Eilis to marry him? Do you think it was fair of him to ask? Do you think Eilis should have agreed?
10. After their wedding Eilis asks Tony if they'll ever tell their children what they've done. Why is this ironic?