In the book everything was so tidy and regular, and she had checked the stages she must expect a dozen times. But now she stood surrounded by jars of bath salts and lotions on the shelf that went all around the bathroom, her feet wide apart on a fluffy rug like a terrier’s coat, and felt cold water springing from her forehead, hot water running down her legs. She seemed to have pains everywhere, but could not match what she felt with the book. On went the blue coat again. It was luckily still loose on her, for Debbie was a big girl, and she was small. They were the real thing, even if he did come out colossal. It was amusing to do his wife’s back hair (it was so mathematically neat,) and the particular tension of her tight stays. She lent herself especially to positions in which the face was somewhat averted or blurred; she abounded in lady-like back views and profiles perdus. The book was a large canvas, the other figures were numerous, and I worked off at first some of the episodes in which the hero and the heroine were not concerned. When once I had set them up I should have to stick to them—I couldn’t make my young man seven feet high in one place and five feet nine in another. The best study guide to The Real Thing on the planet, from the creators of SparkNotes. Get the summaries, analysis, and quotes you need. Struggling with distance learning? Our Teacher Edition on The Real Thing can help. Everything you need for every book you read. “Sooo much more helpful than SparkNotes. The way the content is organized and presented is seamlessly smooth, innovative, and comprehensive.” Get LitCharts A+. Get LitCharts A+. Everything you need for every book you read. Everything you need for every book you read. Get LitCharts A+. The Real Thing Study Guide. Next. Summary. Welcome to the LitCharts study guide on Henry James’s The Real Thing. Created by the original team behind SparkNotes, LitCharts are the world’s