The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

## By James Thurber

1. **What is Walter Mitty’s real life like?**
2. **Where does Mr. Mitty’s “secret life” take him? What does he become?**
3. **Describe Mrs. Mitty, according to the information given in the story.**
4. **Why do you think Thurber describes Walter Mitty as “Undefeated, inscrutable** *(unreadable/hard to make out)***to the last”? Do you agree?**
5. **What advice do you think Walter Mitty would give a high school student regarding career planning?**
6. **Before we can aspire to a particular occupation, we must be able to visualize ourselves in that role. Using James Thurber’s example, choose a career that is of interest to you and write dialogue that describes what one minute on the job might be like.**

*S Jimmy: Here are your balance sheet reports.*

*Mr. Smith: Thank you Ms. Jimmy, I appreciate your efforts in completing the reports for our investors.*

1. **Why do you suppose Mr. Mitty created an exciting secret life? What must he do in order to make his fantasy life real?**
2. **What four roles did Walter Mitty create for himself that afternoon? Choose one of these four roles and imagine that Walter is fifteen years old. Complete a chart for Walter Mitty.**

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| ***Walter Mitty*** | | | |
| Vision: |  | | |
| Actions in School: | | |  |
| Actions at Work: | |  | |
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