

Short Story: *The Story of an Hour*
Author: *Kate Chopin (1851-1904)*



Instructions: The story in your Literature Packet has 8 numbers that match these questions. Understanding the story:

1- What is foreshadowing? How can you explain the concept by using this first observation?

2- What do you learn about Mrs. Mallard from the description of her face in this paragraph?

3- Are you surprised by this reaction? How does it differ from her "public" reaction?

4- This is a good example of what literary critics call an oxymoron, two words with opposite meanings that are linked together. Why does Mrs. Mallard find this joy "monstrous"?

5- What does the description of Mr. Mallard in this paragraph tell you about the kind of relationship Mr. and Mrs. Mallard had?

6- Do you think it's significant that the narrator mentions both men and women here?

7- How does this word qualify what Mrs. Mallard has just been thinking?

8- Irony occurs in literature when there is a contrast between what is said and what is meant. In what way is this last paragraph ironic?