

## “Story of an Hour”

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why are Mrs. Mallard’s friends and family concerned about her hearing the news of her husband’s death?
2. What is Mrs. Mallard’s initial reaction to the news?
3. What true feelings does she have about her husband’s death? Use evidence from the story.
4. How is the first sentence of the story an example of foreshadowing?
5. What is the climax of the story? Explain.
6. What new information does Mrs. Mallard learn near the end of the story regarding the fate of her husband? How does she learn this? What is her reaction?
7. From what point of view is the story told? Provide your reasoning.
8. What is the overall mood of the story? How does it change? Explain using evidence from the story.
9. Describe one example of situational irony and one of dramatic irony in the story. Explain why each is an example of irony.
10. What is a possible theme of this story? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.