

The Story of An Hour

Read Kate Chopin's short story *The Story of An Hour* and answer the following questions. Think about each question carefully and answer thoroughly to get full credit. Remember to use complete sentences.

Text: <http://americanliterature.com/author/kate-chopin/short-story/the-story-of-an-hour>

1. Why does Mrs. Mallard really die?
2. How do you think Mr. Mallard would feel if he knew what his wife really felt?
3. Do you feel pity for any of the characters? Which ones, and why?
4. Can a person really die of shock? Of happiness? Of grief? Why or why not?
5. If you were going to write some fan fiction inspired by "The Story of an Hour," how would you do it? Which characters would you explore? How would you imagine the personalities of Richards, Josephine, and Mr. Mallard? What would be the back-story behind Mr. and Mrs. Mallard's marriage?