

THE STORY OF AN HOUR - READING COMPREHENSION CHECK

• CONTEXT

Where was Kate Chopin born in 1850?

- ☐ New York, New York
- ☐ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ☐ St. Louis, Missouri
- ☐ Austin, Texas

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What Chopin novel, published in 1899, caused scandal for its chronicling of a married woman's adulterous affair?

- ☐ The Awakening
- ☐ Bayou Folk
- ☐ At Fault
- ☐ Night in Arcadie

What movement did Chopin champion before it became a major social and political force in America?

- ☐ Feminism
- ☐ LGBTQ Rights
- ☐ Civil Rights
- ☐ Evangelical Christianity

• PLOT

What news does Josephine deliver to Louise Mallard?

- ☐ Louise's husband's death
- ☐ Louise's daughter's death
- ☐ Louise's lottery win
- ☐ Louise's cancer diagnosis

What phrase does Louise repeat to herself as she recovers from the news of her husband's death?

- ☐ "Doom!"
- ☐ "Alone!"
- ☐ "Free!"
- ☐ "Praise God!"

What aspect of life after Brently's death is she ecstatic about?

- ☐ Receiving lots of attention socially
- ☐ Receiving his life insurance
- ☐ Independence
- ☐ The opportunity to remarry

Who comes in the door unexpectedly just as Josephine is arriving downstairs?

- ☐ Richards
- ☐ Brently
- ☐ A police officer
- ☐ Josephine

What do doctors attribute Louise's fatal heart attack to?

- ☐ Happiness
- ☐ Disappointment
- ☐ Surprise
- ☐ A coincidence

• **CHARACTERS**

What did Louise Mallard usually feel toward her husband during their life together?

- ☐ Indifference
- ☐ Resentment
- ☐ Affection
- ☐ Love

How is Brently Mallard supposed to have died?

- ☐ A train accident
- ☐ A boat accident
- ☐ A heart attack
- ☐ A deadly infection

What is Josephine's relation to Louise?

- ☐ Sister
- ☐ Step-sister
- ☐ Daughter
- ☐ Friend

What is Richards's relation to Brently?

- ☐ Brother
- ☐ Step-brother
- ☐ Friend
- ☐ Son

Where did Richards learn about Brently's death?

- ☐ The town square
- ☐ The train station
- ☐ The union office
- ☐ The newspaper office

• **CHARACTERS' ANALYSIS**

Which of the following traits is not characteristic of Louise Mallard?

- ☐ Intelligence
- ☐ Cruelty
- ☐ Independence
- ☐ Emotionality

What is Louise's immediate outward reaction to the news that her husband is dead?

- ☐ She screams
- ☐ She stares numbly
- ☐ She cries
- ☐ She laughs

What does Louise understand about the thoughts and feelings she is having about Brently's death?

- ☐ They are natural
- ☐ They are improper
- ☐ They make her evil
- ☐ She must express them publicly

What ailment afflicts Louise both physically and emotionally?

- ☐ 'Sleeping trouble'
- ☐ 'Breathing trouble'
- ☐ 'Heart trouble'
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What is the true cause of the heart attack that kills Louise?

- ☐ Shock
- ☐ Disappointment
- ☐ Happiness
- ☐ Answers A. and B.