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“The Story of an Hour” By Kate Chopin

Please answer the following questions in full sentences in your learning logs.

Questions to assess comprehension and Short story terms

1. Who is the main character and how do you know this?
2. What is the setting (time and place) and how does it affect the plot?
3. What dilemma is Mrs. Mallard facing and how does she face it?

Questions to assess knowledge of literary devices

4. What ironies exist in the story?
5. What symbols are there are there in this story? How are they symbolic?

Questions to assess knowledge of theme

6. “Independence and the absence of this in marriage is a major theme of this story.” Provide evidence from the story that supports this statement.
7. What point about humanity does the story make?

Informal Journal Response to be completed in your learning log:

Describe your impression of Louise Mallard at the beginning of the story and how this impression changes as the story progresses. Discuss in your answer how her character contributes to the message or theme the author wishes to leave with us.