

many women are fighting for the right  
to vote & to hold jobs. Society saw  
women as selfless wives & mothers.

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## 08: The Story of an hour — Kate Chopin.

1) Theme :- It is a brilliant  
exploration of concept of marriage, from  
a feminist point of view, as a  
site of confinement. The story  
analyses the meaning of gender  
roles & happiness. The characters  
in the story are Louise Mallard,  
Josephine, Brently Mallard &  
Mr. Richards. Kate lived in a male-dominated

house, where women are 2nd class citizens.

2) Mr. Richards → friend of Mr. Brently  
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was a heart patient

3) Comment on the symbol of open window?

A) It is a symbol of freedom that  
she experiences upon hearing the  
death of her husband.

4) How did Brently escape the  
railroad accident?

A) He had been far away from the



Scene of accident, he did not  
even know there had been one

5) Climax is the story?

A) - is Brently opens the door &  
walks into house. on seeing  
him alive Mrs. Mallard gets  
heart attack & dies on the  
spot. Those who witnessed his  
death thought that she was  
so happy to see her husband  
alive & she died of the shock.

Theme →

\* self-identity

\* role of woman in married life

\* Relationships b/w men & women.

\* class relations