“The Story of an Hour” by Kate Chopin Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reading Guide

1. Identify the following characters:
	1. Brently
	2. Josephine
	3. Louise Mallard
2. What does the telegraph say?
3. What is ironic about what is going on outside of Louise’s window vs. what she is feeling/dealing with?
4. How does her initial reaction change to the feeling that comes over her in her room?
5. Explain the significance of this quote: “She breathed a quick prayer that life might be long. It was only yesterday she had thought with a shudder that life might be long.”
6. What is the theme of the story?
7. Explain the Irony in the last line: “When the doctors came they said she had died of heart disease--of the joy that kills.”
8. Identify at least three (3) examples of elements of Realism in this story (provide textual evidence and explain the element of Realism it illustrates). *Use the acronym ROVER as you identify the elements.*