Kate Chopin wrote "The Story of an Hour" in 1894. This story focuses on the emotional strain of marriage on women, and leads the reader to a dubious catharsis through the death of Mr. Mallard’s death news. The autonomy of the female self in late 19th century and freedom from marriage are some of the themes that will be discussed in class in relation to the story. Students will analyze the story together with the literary terms they studied at the beginning of the semester.