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The Impact of Technology on Kate Chopin's Louise Mallard in "The Story of an Hour"

- I. Introduction
Thesis: Chopin proves that the speed at which information is received, during a time of technological and social awakening, can have devastating consequences.
- II. Changing technology in Chopin's day (1894 pub. of "Hour")
 - a. Railroad travel
 - i. Revolutionized the speed and convenience of traveling long distances
 - ii. More people, men, able to leave home more often
 1. Women left to their own devices
 2. Gave women a chance to imagine independent lives – Mrs. Mallard example
 - iii. Dangerous and remote
 - b. Telegram
 - i. Information traveled more quickly than human beings
 - ii. Flawed system
 1. Easy to misinterpret
 2. Concise messaging – Richards example
- III. Impact on social conventions
 - a. Repression of women in their marriages
 - i. Women totally dependent on husbands
 - ii. Mrs. Mallard is alone at the time of her husband's presumed death
 - b. Technological advancements are happening quickly
 - i. Mr. Mallard killed by fast-moving train; news gets to Mrs. Mallard quickly
 - ii. Implications of title—the story of a single hour
 1. Life changes for characters several times over
 2. Chopin's warning
 - a. Chopin is a Realist
 - b. Implies that technology is advancing more quickly than women; dangerous for women
- IV. Conclusion

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