

ELA Virtual Learning

A.P. English Lit. and Comp.

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Lesson: **April 28, 2020**

Objective/Learning Target:

Students will be able to identify and analyze situational irony in a literary text.

Success Starter

Directions:

After watching the following video, answer the following question on a sheet of paper or on a Google document:

Video Link: [Types of Irony](#)

What are some personal examples of irony in your life or the life of someone else you know?

Irony

Verbal Irony: verbal irony is not always sarcasm- it can also come in the form of puns.

Situational Irony: many people refer to situational irony in their daily lives as “coincidence”. There is a difference between coincidence situational irony.

Dramatic irony: when irony is used to specifically create dramatic tension by giving the audience all the information while characters have only partial information.

Practice

Directions:

Read the following poem carefully, what forms of irony are present?
Are there any forms of irony present?

[The Living Dead](#) by Robert William Service

Practice: Example Answers

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Situational Irony

Examples:

Man who dreams of fame and immortality but is thought to be dead.

His best ideas/quips- went unclaimed, unpublished= forgotten.

Participates in all “living things” feeding ducks, played games, socialized with friends only to be forgotten.

Obituary scanned- he was alive all along!

More Practice

Read the following story carefully. On your sheet of paper or Google document, answer the following question: What type of irony is present in this story?

Link: [The Story of an Hour by Kate Chopin](#)

More Practice Answer

Type of irony: Situational

Practice Thesis

After reading The Story of an Hour, decode and write a thesis statement responding to the following prompt:

Prompt: Analyze how Chopin uses such techniques as point of view, selection of detail, and situational irony to characterize the relationship between the wife and her husband.

*Remember- you don't HAVE to use the techniques the prompt provides for your answer. Choose techniques you can support well, and limit yourself to a maximum of 3.

Practice Thesis Example

Example Thesis:

In Chopin's *The Story of an Hour*, symbolism, analogy, and situational irony reveal a passionless marriage bound by duty through the external and internal conflict of a wife who is conflicted by the fidelity to her husband and the freedom his death would bring her.

Additional Resource

[More Situational Irony Examples](#)