Minnie Wright's Characteristic: A Jury Of Her Peers

Describe the character of Minnie Wright as a young woman before her marriage. Provide examples from the text to support your answer.

When Minnie was a young woman, she was very fun-loving and full of energy before her marriage. An example of this can be seen when she was involved in the choir “I wish you’d seen Minnie Foster when she wore a white dress with blue ribbons and stood up there in the choir”

Describe the character of Minnie Wright as a wife married for several years. Provide examples from the text to support your answer.

After Minnie's marriage to John Wright, the readers start to see a change in her personality Minnie is disconnected from her life because of her abusive husband. “she-come to think of it she was kind of like a bird herself. Real sweet and pretty, but kind of timid and fluttery. How she did change.”

Explain the character of John Wright. Be sure to provide examples from the text to support your answer.

John wrights' character is introduced to the readers as an abusive husband who outside people adore. John was liked by his community but in private was abusive to his wife. “they say he was a good man” but he was a hard man”

List the important pieces of evidence that only the women notice and explain why these pieces of evidence are significant. What is it the evidence provides that the men are unable to find in their search?

Woman can tell when one another are in danger or when something is off this is because as a woman, we all have the same emotions. An example of this in the text is when the sheriff searches the kitchen and it is a mess this doesn’t mean anything to the sheriff, but women can tell that something may be wrong because of the mess.

Explain why the women do not reveal their knowledge to the sheriff.

The women both came to an agreement to not share their knowledge with the sheriff because they did not want their friend to get in trouble. They didn’t want another their friend to become a stereotype of a woman being blamed instead of the man at fault.

What do the men assume about the women in the story? How do they try to show they do not think the women inferior to them?

The men in the story have a way of underestimating the women and making them feel small. The men believe a woman cannot be smart or independent. They try to make the women feel as though they are equals but later show this is not truly how they feel.

What irony is revealed through the assumptions made by the men about the women?

The men assume the women can’t stand alone and that they are uneducated. This is ironic because the women’s knowledge helps them and keep the sheriff from solving the case.

There are no suspects other than Minnie Wright, and no one doubts her guilt, so how does the story create suspense? Provide examples from the text.

Throughout the story the suspense keeps building. The readers don’t know whether or not the women will be able to protect their friend. This can be seen when they are struggling to hide the dead bird a piece of evidence.

Given the circumstances of the time period in which this story is set (women were unable to vote or sit on juries), how is the title 'A Jury of Her Peers' ironic?

The title can be seen as ironic because during this time. Women were not allowed to vote or sit on juries so the title “A Jury of Her Peers” is ironic because Minnie's peers could not sit on the jury.

What is the purpose of this story, and how do setting, characterization, and irony in the story achieve this purpose?

The main message of the story is to bring light to the discrimination against women. Men for many years have been treating women as their property and not equal. this can be seen in the story when the men saying degrading comments like “housekeepers” in the story.