

Learner emotional reflection on Oscar Wilde's Fairy Tales, Roald Dahl's Short Stories and O. Henry's short stories.

Oscar Wilde	Roald Dahl	O. Henry
<p>Ni: I was overwhelmed by the Nightingale's sacrifice. The end made me think about the concept of 'love' and how it can be really useless or really meaningful.</p>	<p>Ni: Dahl's stories make me feel surprised, they make me believe it is non-fictional and must be happening somewhere around. Some of his stories gave me shock or made me scared and upset at the end.</p>	<p>Ni: Hilarious! I had a good laugh while reading the story. Laughed out loud! I read it twice and would like to read it again. ("The Ransom of the Red Chief")</p>
<p>Sh: Oscar Wilde described nature very well. When I read his books I felt very excited and happy in my mind and in the bottom of my heart.</p>	<p>Sh: Roald Dahl's stories are terrible and his thoughts are very strange. I don't like crime stories. When I read these stories at night time I felt scared.</p>	<p>N: I felt anxious reading the story but worked out what the end might be! It is a helpless feeling when people put themselves into a miserable state without any logic. This story reminded me of The Nightingale and the Rose. In both stories sacrifice is made to help somebody to come out of their misery. ("The Last Leaf")</p>
<p>St: When I read Oscar Wilde stories I usually feel very upset. I think this is because his stories are always with a bad end and they are full of sadness. Love and friendship, which he showed in The Nightingale and the Rose and The Happy Prince, are very sad feelings and after reading these stories I felt frustrated about these feelings. His stories give a chance to</p>	<p>St: I enjoyed reading Roald Dahl much more than Oscar Wilde. His stories usually do not have a happy ending but they are full of some kind of humour and his own vision of life. They are easier for me to understand. My favourite stories are "Gallop Foxley" and "Mrs Bixby and the Colonel's Coat". They are full of sarcasm. If you</p>	<p>St: When I read I usually get worried. Half way through the story I guessed about the ending and it made me feel a bit happier. But in the end, when Mr Berhman died I felt sad. This story gave me a few things to think about: firstly, never give up; and secondly, a little art in life can do a lot! ("The Last Leaf")</p>

<p>think what is real and what is not real in my personal life.</p>	<p>start to compare these stories with your personal life you will definitely find some matches. His stories are always strange, interesting and keep your attention till the end.</p>	
<p>Nf: Oscar Wilde's greatest talent was writing the story like poetry. I can feel his spiritual journey through his stories from beginning to the end. When I read them I felt happy and sad at the same time. I am surprised at his extraordinary imagination. Every time when I finished a story I felt I learned some precious lesson from it.</p>	<p>Nf: Roald Dahl's stories look like crime stories. They are usually with a dark sense of humour and they have an unexpected ending. When I read his stories I felt angry and annoyed because one character always gives a nasty little torture to another.</p>	<p>Nf: When I was reading the story I prayed that the last leaf wouldn't fall off. I was a bit surprised that the ivy leaf was still there but I guessed who did it before I read the end of the story. The story tells you about the kindness of people and the curative power of belief. ("The Last Leaf")</p>
<p>Ch: I enjoyed all stories by Oscar Wilde the teacher gave to us. They were different from what I expected. They are for both adults and children. The Nightingale and the Rose is beautifully written, as delicate as a poem. In The Happy Prince a little swallow sacrificed itself for the sake of poor people. In The Devoted Friend, Little Hans sacrificed himself for friendship. I nearly cried at their bravery.</p>	<p>Ch: I found Roald Dahl's stories difficult to enjoy. To speak frankly, these stories are not my taste. I feel dark and heavy atmosphere. I feel that people lived in an unjust society – racist, sexist full of harassment.</p>	<p>Ch: O. Henry described human nature with affection. All dark sides of our nature were described in his stories. I think his stories are very original.</p>
<p>Bi: I like books with the main ideas which are aimed at human behaviour and in the end we get a lesson. But I was disappointed because his stories have a sad ending.</p>		<p>Bi: In the end, most of my feelings were negative because the story does not have a happy end. But at the same time I was happy that there is some light in this story and a simple picture could change the fate of people. ("The Last Leaf")</p>

<p><u>Ag:</u> The Happy Prince tells us how little we see around us. The best thing we can do is care for and help other people.</p>		<p><u>Ag:</u> This story is sad but teaches us how important it is to live and dream and love other people. I think you have to sacrifice for the others to be fulfilled in life. You need to have hopes and dreams and you should never give up. (“The Last Leaf”)</p>
<p><u>Am:</u> When I read part of the story I look forward to what comes after and what’s happening with the characters and I feel excited to see the end.</p>		<p><u>An:</u> The Last Leaf reminded me of Oscar Wild’s story called The Nightingale and the Rose. In both stories the main characters paid high price losing their lives to make somebody else happy.</p>
<p><u>At:</u> I liked “The selfish Giant” most of all. It is about change in life. It is never too late to change. This book teaches us a lot. Now I will read it to my daughter.</p>		<p><u>Ga:</u> I think people’s behaviour can change depending on the environment. It affects people. The church music made Soapy want to change his life but the policeman took him to prison. (“The Cop and the Anthem”)</p>