

A short story that I have read

Choosing a short story:-

I read an interesting short story written by William Somerset Maugham named 'The Luncheon.'

Summary of the story:-

The story is about a admirer of the speaker

The speaker is a young writer who received a letter from a lady who highly praised his writings. The speaker also replied inviting her for a lunch at a five star hotel. He was not too rich but he was an upcoming writer that time. He had 80 francs in his pocket. He thought that he could manage the lunch. He requested the lady to choose the food item from the menu book. She assured that she

doesn't eat much. The speaker ordered salmon fish though that was expensive. Later the speaker asked if she liked anything more. The lady replied that she liked caviar though it was horribly expensive. Then she enjoyed the white champagne, asparagus, coffee and finally the salmon. The speaker was sweating. He was too anxious if he could pay the bill or not. He didn't take anything except a mutton chop. Finally he managed paying the lunch which was his total income of a month.

What I liked and didn't like:-

I like the way the speaker narrated the whole story. He was very successful depicting the inner beauty and sarcasm of the

story. There was humor in his story telling also. For example, at the end of the story he mentioned that day that lady weighed 'twenty one stone'.

My change in the story:-

If someone asked me to change the story then I would like to decrease the number of climax. I would try to increase that flat line of the climax graph. Finally I would make the story interesting to reader.

Concluding statement:

Although the story has some shortcomings but I enjoyed reading the story very much. It was one of the most funny stories I have read till date.