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**«One Thousand Dollars» O’Henry**

I would like to tell you about my impressions of O’Henry’s short story «One Thousand Dollars». The main character of this story is a young man called Gillian. His uncle died and he inherited one thousand dollars. The lawyers said that after he spent all this money Gillian needed to bring a list of his expenses to them. For a long time he was thinking how he could spend it. Being confused about it, he went to the library to see Miss Lottas, who was writing letters there. Without thinking too much, Gillian gave all his money to her. He said that he loved her but she did not love him back. He decided to bring to the lawyer the letter that explained how he had spent all the money. There Gillian was told that if he had used his part of inheritance wisely he would become a rich person but if he had wasted it on foolish pleasures, Miriam Haydem would become the heiress. Gillian tore the letter and left the room. He was happy but no one could understand him.

In my opinion, Gillian did the right thing. Even though his actions may seem silly, I think that they are noble. Not everyone can sacrifice his or her own happiness for the sake of another person. Gillian did it because he loved Miriam and gave her the money, in spite of the fact that she did not have any feelings for him and that he could live with this money and try to find a new love. Moreover, when he asked the opinion of other people, he thought them over before doing anything. I think that it is right because we need to think about all our actions not to make foolish mistake and not to depend on other people. Unfortunately, today money has become more important than friendship, love, family and other significant things in life. People think that with money they can buy anything they want but it is a huge mistake. You can never buy true feelings and friends, health. We should think about it.

In conclusion I would like to say, money can play different roles in people`s life. To my mind, there are a lot of important things that we can enjoy every day and be happy no matter what our financial situation is. The world would be much more beautiful if people loved each other more than they love money.

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