**A Hanging by George Orwell**

George Orwell was born in India, in 1903. He is an English novelist who becomes most famous for his novels Animal Farm (1945) and Nineteen Eighty-four (1949). Orwell won scholarships to two of England’s leading schools, Winchester and Eton, and chose the latter. He also wrote another novel, A Hanging. A Hanging is a short story that shows the opinion of capital punishment. This essay will talk about irony use in “A Hanging” and how he makes a story more fun by using an irony.

        Irony is an important aspect in the short story. As shown in paragraph three (line 3-5), Orwell described the doctor as a man who seems like seeing a prisoner to be killed. “The man ought to have been dead by this time” said the doctor. The role of doctor is to help people but Orwell described the doctor in the opposite way. It makes the story more fun and less stress. On the other hand, if Orwell uses a killer instead of doctor the story would be more stress, but he uses the doctor and adds an ironic to make it more fun and less stress.

Next, when the rope is fixed to the prisoner’s neck. The prisoner start to cry out “ Ram! Ram! Ram! Ram!”, the voice was calm which can be inferred that he is not afraid what he is facing at the time and then a jailer said “ Oh, kill him quickly…”. The quote describe the mind of the jailers which is fearful. In general the prisoner that is about to die is afraid and it won’t affect the jailer at all. Orwell shows the opposite to make the story more fun and less stress by make the jailer afraid instead of the prisoner. So, Orwell has use irony to make A Hanging more exciting and less stress when the reader read his story.

        Moreover, Orwell uses a word “he’s alright” said by the superintendent when he checked to make sure that the prisoner had died. The word should be “he’s dead” or “what a pity” to make it sound more painful and fearful but Orwell uses “alright” instead and it makes the story look fun because he use the word that more cheerful . So, according to the quote above it can mean that the superintendent had done his mission so he said like this. Therefore, Orwell uses a word to make a story more fun by using an irony.

        In conclusion, Orwell makes a story more fun or excited by using the irony. He uses the irony in a hanging scene to show the opposite of fearful to jailer and prisoner and it makes story going more fun and less stress. Also use irony to tell that the superintendent had finished his mission by checking the lifeless prisoner and said “he’s alright” which sound ridiculous. Therefore, Irony is the literature devices that Orwell use a lot and to make a story more fun and less stress.