

Please answer the following questions about Anton Chekhov's short story, "The Lottery Ticket."

1. How would you describe the main character, Ivan, at the beginning of the story? What adjectives initially come to mind?
2. What does it mean to be part of the middle class?
3. Explain what the conflict is in this story.
4. Can you find both a simile and a metaphor in this story? What is being compared in each?
5. How would you describe Ivan and Masha's marriage? What inferences can you make about their relationship?
6. What change occurs while the two begin to discuss what would happen if they won the lottery?
7. What happens at the end of this story? Did you predict this would happen?
8. Have the characters changed by the end of the story? Explain.
9. What is the theme of this story? Why did you choose this?

Writing Assignment:

Would you end this story differently if you were the writer?  
How would you resolve their conflict?

Write a paragraph that continues this story, keeping the same characters, same point of view, and the same initial situation, but create a different ending. You may use dialogue if you would like! Try to use new vocabulary words you may have added to your Personal Dictionaries over the past few weeks!