

Ah, the university,
brief analysis



The author of "Ah, the University" uses literary elements such as foreshadowing and Irony. At the beginning of the story Jack's father talks about how wonderful university is and how many exciting things are waiting there for him but then he tells Jack that he is not going because he doesn't have enough money. Irony was applied in this example by Jack's father by telling him many things about the university and making him believe he will go and then telling him that he cannot afford that.

There is an example of foreshadowing when the author says that Jack's father got nervous and it seemed that he wasn't sure at all when he did the last bet. There was a clue here that showed us that he was going to lose. His expressions showed us that he was afraid and that something bad was going to happen to them. In the short story "Ah, the University" there are two important characters: Jack and his father. Jack is a young guy who is influenced by his father to become a poker player. Jack's father is the main character in this story because everything happens around him.

He persuaded his son to enter into the poker games because he didn't want to send him to the university for economic reasons. His son called him from Paris and asked him for help and he went there. At the end he almost lost everything he had and it taught him a lesson, which was that education is important. The author uses Jack's name in specific to demonstrate that he will do something foolish in the story. Names are sometimes used in stories to describe a character and it was the case in this story.

The theme of this story is Disappointment. Both, Jack and his father are disappointed in this story, Jack because his father told him that he can't send

him to college and his father because he lost his money because of his son. The main idea of the story is to help each other and let others do what makes them happy. Jack wanted to go to college and his father didn't help him with this, instead he persuaded him to become a poker player so he can make money faster knowing that Jack didn't know anything about poker.