“The Necklace” – Irony Lesson

1. Distribute copies of “Ironic” lyrics. Play song for students, having them follow along. They should underline, highlight or otherwise mark instances of situational irony in song. (10 minutes) Optional: have students follow along as teacher reads lyrics aloud.
2. Have students do a Think/Pair/Share. They should think about their own personal example of situational irony, pair with a neighbor and share with neighbor orally their example (5 minutes).
3. Discuss, as a class, situational irony examples from song and Think/Pair/Share. (15 minutes)
4. Read “The Necklace” and discuss all the irony involved.

**"Ironic"**

An old man turned ninety-eight
He won the lottery and died the next day
It's a black fly in your Chardonnay
It's a death row pardon two minutes too late
And isn't it ironic... don't you think

It's like rain on your wedding day
It's a free ride when you've already paid
It's the good advice that you just didn't take
Who would've thought... it figures

Mr. Play It Safe was afraid to fly
He packed his suitcase and kissed his kids goodbye
He waited his whole damn life to take that flight
And as the plane crashed down he thought
"Well isn't this nice..."
And isn't it ironic... don't you think

It's like rain on your wedding day
It's a free ride when you've already paid
It's the good advice that you just didn't take
Who would've thought... it figures

Well life has a funny way of sneaking up on you
When you think everything's okay and everything's going right
And life has a funny way of helping you out when
You think everything's gone wrong and everything blows up
In your face

A traffic jam when you're already late
A no-smoking sign on your cigarette break
It's like ten thousand spoons when all you need is a knife
It's meeting the man of my dreams
And then meeting his beautiful wife
And isn't it ironic...don't you think
A little too ironic...and, yeah, I really do think...

It's like rain on your wedding day
It's a free ride when you've already paid
It's the good advice that you just didn't take
Who would've thought... it figures

Life has a funny way of sneaking up on you
Life has a funny, funny way of helping you out
Helping you out