**House Paragraph**

In the story “House” by Jane Rule, the main problem facing the main character, Harry, is “a case of retarded development” which foreshadows a development in the story that Harry will experience, ultimately leading to a moment of epiphany for him. At first, Harry is very conservative, just wanting to buy a new house and car but his wife Anne is insistent that they should just buy an island to live on instead of a house. Soon, after buying the house and car, Harry’s family falls into economic despair. At the moment in the story when Anne and his kids start knocking down the wall in their house, Harry joins in and this leads to an epiphany for him. It is in this instant, that he starts to realize that society may have a certain set of unwritten rules and laws people that people “must follow”, but that he doesn’t have to abide by these rules all the time. This in turn makes Harry realize that he can have more fun with his family and perhaps even a better relationship with them. Ultimately this story teaches the reader that even though society has certain standards that you have to follow, sometimes you should be able to push the boundaries to a place where you are most comfortable and are able to be yourself.