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# The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry

Comprehension Guide, Reflective Questions, and Plot Curve pg. 151-157

Answer these questions. Write in complete sentences.

1. Who were the Magi? (pg. 151)
2. How much money did Della have?
3. What point of view is the story told in?
4. Describe the Della's attitude/feelings at the beginning of the story.
5. Describe the Youngs financial situation.
6. What did Della want to use the money for?
7. What were the two possessions that the Youngs took pride in?
8. The author references Queen Sheba and King Solomon, both biblical figures. Why do you think the author references these two figures?
9. Describe Della's hair.

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10. Where does Della go? For what reason?
11. How much money does Della receive? What does Della spend her money on?
12. What was wrong with Della's husband's watch?
13. Why is Della nervous when her husband is coming home?
14. Describe Jim's appearance.
15. How does Jim react when he sees Della?
16. What did Jim buy Della? What did Jim do to buy Della's present?
17. What does Jim's reaction tell you about himself and his relationship with his wife?
18. What type of irony is being displayed? Explain why.
19. What did the Magi invent?
20. Why does the author say the Youngs are foolish but then says they were wise? Explain.

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Rising Action: What events, conflicts build suspense or increase complications in the story

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Climax: Turning Point

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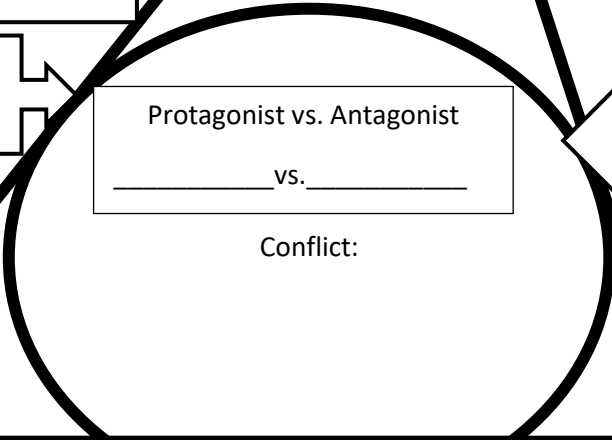
Falling Action: What **events** help wrap up the story?

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Protagonist vs. Antagonist

\_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_

Conflict:



**Exposition:**

Setting:

Characters:

Situation:

**Theme: What is the lesson of the story? Give evidence to support your theme.**

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evidence:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Resolution:** How does the story end?

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