



## “The Gift of the Magi”

**Instructions:** Read “The Gift of the Magi,” pages 79-84 and answer questions for critical reading.

**Take time to create your responses.**

1. What are examples of irony in this short story? In each example you give, please tell me what *type* of irony is being used (verbal, dramatic, or situational). If you need help understanding what type of irony is being used, please look at your text book, *Little Wonders*, pages 77-78.
2. Several passages in the story give hints as to what Jim is like as a person. Identify at least two passages that reveal his character.
3. How would the story change if it were told completely from Jim’s perspective (point of view)?

4. Would this be the same kind of story if it were set in today's time? Explain your answer.

5. Does the story end the way that you expect? Why or why not?

6. Would you invite either Della or Jim over for a holiday dinner? Why or why not?

7. What gift do you want for the holiday season that money can't buy? (Think about this question before your answer it. I don't want sarcastic answers!)