

# THE GIFT OF THE MAGI by O. Henry

1. Define the following terms:

- imputation -
  
- parsimony -
  
- mendicancy -
  
- depreciate -
  
- fob -
  
- meretricious -
  
- truant -

2. What type of irony is used in the story? Explain your answer thoroughly.

3. What do you think the following sentence from the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph means? “She stood by the window and looked out dully at a grey cat walking a grey fence in a grey backyard.”

4. How are Jim and Della like the Magi from the Christmas story?

5. O. Henry mentions that the characters are both wise and unwise. Explain.

6. Do you think the story has a happy ending? Explain.