

Introduction and Reading Comprehension (Page 1)

Read the short story "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry and answer the following questions:

1. What is the title of the short story?

2. Who are the main characters in the story?

3. What is the theme of the story?

Vocabulary Building (Page 2)

Match the vocabulary words with their definitions:

1. Sacrifice
2. Irony
3. Foreshadowing
4. Gift-giving

Definitions:

1. a) The act of giving up something valuable for the benefit of someone else
2. b) A contrast between what is expected and what actually happens
3. c) A hint or suggestion of what is to come
4. d) The act of giving someone a present

Critical Thinking (Page 3)

Answer the following questions:

1. What motivates Della to cut and sell her hair?

2. What does Jim's decision to sell his watch reveal about his character?

3. How does the story's ending relate to the theme of sacrifice?

Discussion Questions (Page 4)

Discuss the following questions in groups:

1. What is the most important theme of the story?

2. How does the story relate to your own experiences or observations?

3. What message do you think the author is trying to convey through the story?

Writing Activity (Page 5)

Write a short reflection about the story, focusing on its themes and significance:

Character Analysis (Page 6)

Analyze the characters of Jim and Della, discussing their motivations, actions, and relationships:

Literary Devices (Page 7)

Identify and analyze the literary devices used in the story, such as symbolism, imagery, and foreshadowing:

Cultural Context (Page 8)

Discuss the cultural context of the story, exploring how it reflects the social and historical period in which it was written:

Creative Writing (Page 9)

Write a short story or poem inspired by the themes and characters of "The Gift of the Magi":

Conclusion (Page 10)

Summarize the key points from the worksheet and reflect on what you have learned about the short story "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry:

Assessment Rubric:

- Reading comprehension: 20 points
- Vocabulary building: 20 points
- Critical thinking: 20 points
- Writing activity: 20 points
- Character analysis: 10 points
- Literary devices: 10 points
- Cultural context: 10 points
- Creative writing: 10 points