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**“The Gift of the Magi” by O. Henry**

**Reading Questions**

*Directions: As you read, jot down thoughts and ideas using our annotating techniques (POINTING)*

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| **P**redict |  |
| **O**ffer opinions |  |
| **I**nfer about characters’ motivations, plot and author’s purpose |  |
| **N**ame literary techniques  (foreshadowing, flashback, symbolism, similes, metaphors, etc.) |  |
| **T**rack important words/phrases |  |
| **I**nquire with questions |  |
| **N**otice patters and repetition |  |
| **G**ive a summary |  |

*Directions: After reading, complete the following reading questions in preparation for our class discussion.*

1. What kind of irony does O. Henry use in this story (Circle one)?

Situational Verbal Dramatic

1. Complete the chart to support your idea:

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| **What Della plans:** | **What actually happens:** |
| **What Jim plans:** | **What actually happens:** |

1. Author’s purpose: Reread lines 22-24. In this and many other passages, the narrator speaks directly to the reader. Why do you think O. Henry decided to write the story this way?
2. Author’s purpose: How does O. Henry create suspense in the story?
3. What is the initial conflict of the story?
4. What is the climax of the story?
5. What is the resolution of the story?
6. Theme: Write a constructed response using RAPR - What does this story seem to be saying about material possessions? Cite evidence to support your answer.