**“The Gift of the Magi” Questions**

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What is important about the title?
2. What are the conflicts in "The Gift of the Magi"? What types of conflict (physical, moral, intellectual, or emotional) do you see in this story?
3. How does O. Henry reveal character in "The Gift of the Magi"?
4. Are Della and Jim realistic characters? Why or why not?
5. What are some themes in the story? How do they relate to the plot and characters?
6. What are some symbols in "The Gift of the Magi"? How do they relate to the plot and characters?
7. Is Della consistent in her actions? Is she a fully developed character? How? Why?
8. Does the story end the way you expected? Why or why not?
9. Is “The Gift of a Magi” a parable? Why or why not? Explain.
10. How would the story be different it were told from Jim's perspective rather than Della's? Why might O. Henry have chosen to tell the story from Della's perspective?