

English I
Mrs. Daniel
“The Gift of the Magi”: Reading Log

As you are reading “The Gift of the Magi” you will be doing what good readers do: **you will be having a conversation with the text**. As you are reading, stop and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. pg. 203: If someone had an “imputation of parsimony,” what could you tell about their financial status?

2. pg. 204: “The moral reflection (belief) that life is made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles, with sniffles predominating (if something predominates, you have more of it).”
 - a. Do you agree with this moral reflection? Explain your answer.

3. pg. 204: “On went her old brown jacket; on went her old brown hat. With a whirl of skirts and with the brilliant sparkle still in her eyes, she fluttered out the door and down the stairs to the street.”
 - a. Where do YOU think Della is going? Give evidence for your opinion

4. pg. 206: “Then she heard him step through the door.” What do you think will happen when Jim sees Della?

5. How is the ending of this story IRONIC? Explain your answer.