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## Study Guide for "The Gift of the Magi"

**I. VOCABULARY:** Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the story or class discussion.

agile \_\_\_\_\_

assertion \_\_\_\_\_

cascade \_\_\_\_\_

chronicle \_\_\_\_\_

coveted \_\_\_\_\_

inconsequential \_\_\_\_\_

instigate \_\_\_\_\_

predominating \_\_\_\_\_

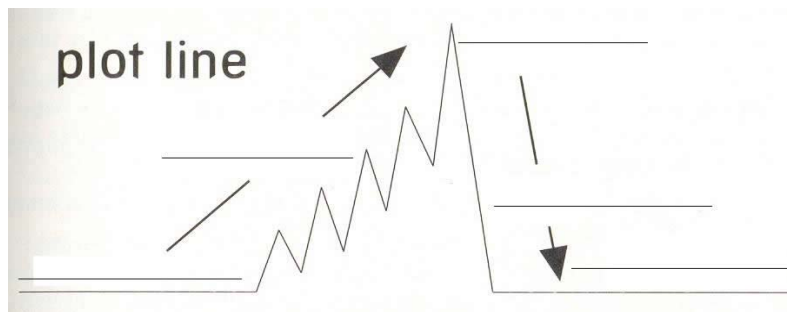
prudence \_\_\_\_\_

vestibule \_\_\_\_\_

**II. LITERARY TERMS:** Be able to define each term and apply each term to the story.

plot structure \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the plot diagram:



setting \_\_\_\_\_

What is the setting of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

situational irony \_\_\_\_\_

simile \_\_\_\_\_

example: \_\_\_\_\_

metaphor \_\_\_\_\_

example: \_\_\_\_\_

allusion \_\_\_\_\_

example: \_\_\_\_\_

theme \_\_\_\_\_

What is the **theme** of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

### III. QUESTIONS: Answer the following questions.

1. How much money does Della have?
2. What did Della want to do with the money?
3. What is the last name of the family in the story?
4. What has happened to Jim's weekly salary?
5. What are the two possessions that Jim and Della take a lot of pride in?
6. What does Della do for extra money and how much does she get?
7. How old is Jim?
8. What does Jim give Della as a gift?
  - How is this ironic?
9. How did Jim get the money to buy Della's gift?
  - How is this ironic?

