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“The Gift of the Magi” Movie Questions

1. In the exposition of the film, we are introduced to our main characters Jim and Della. Are Jim and Della's clothing and apartment furnishings indicative of their state of poverty? Why or why not?
2. What are some things that Della fantasizes over at the beginning of the film?
3. How much was the platinum watch chain? Was this the same as the story?
4. Della only has \$1.87 to purchase Jim a Christmas present. Similar to the story, what does Della do to obtain money? How much does she receive?

What is *different* about this scene?

5. In the scene at Jim's workplace, his boss, Mr. Crump, makes the following statement:

"Time, young man, is money. Christmas Eve is just December 24th."

What other major literary character, present within a Dicken's novel, is Mr. Crump an allusion to? How?

6. How much does Della purchase the platinum watch chain for? Is this similar or different from the story version? How?

What does Della do with the extra money?

7. At the end of the film, while the Christmas music plays, what is the very last image you see? How is this related to the central message of the story?

8. Is the irony (situational and dramatic) in the film the same as the story? Why or why not?