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Integrating Ideas: Giving Gifts

Directions: Read the play *The Gift of the Magi* and the informational text “What Do You Get From Giving?” Then complete the activity below to help you prepare to respond to the prompt on page 15: Explain what makes the gifts Jim and Della give each other valuable.

First, let’s take a look at what *valuable* means. According to the dictionary, something that is valuable has great worth or value. This could mean that it is worth a lot of money, but anything that we want, need, respect, or believe to be important for any reason can be described as valuable.

Now let’s consider what makes the gifts that Jim and Della give each other valuable.

1. Are the gifts that Jim and Della give each other worth a lot of money? Explain.
2. Are the gifts that Jim and Della give each other valuable in terms of being useful? Explain.
3. Are the gifts that Jim and Della give each other valuable in some other way? Explain.

Now consider what “What Do You Get From Giving?” says about what makes a gift valuable to both givers and receivers. Answer the following questions. Use details from the article to support your answers.

4. According to the article, what is the value of a gift to the person giving the gift?

5. According to the article, what makes a gift valuable to the person receiving it?

6. Based on what the pairing says about the value of a gift for the giver and for the receiver, are the gifts that Jim and Della give each other valuable? Explain.