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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p>1. What does the wizard think of King Midas's wish?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ It is an impossible idea.</li> <li>Ⓑ It is a foolish idea.</li> <li>Ⓒ It is a smart idea.</li> <li>Ⓓ It is a good idea.</li> </ul> <p>2. What does <b>tragic</b> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ old</li> <li>Ⓑ unwise</li> <li>Ⓒ very sad</li> <li>Ⓓ confused</li> </ul> <p>3. Which statement best tells the message that can be learned from this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ You are very lucky to have a golden touch.</li> <li>Ⓑ Don't trust wizards and the spells they put on you.</li> <li>Ⓒ If you become greedy, you may lose what you value most.</li> <li>Ⓓ If you work hard, you will earn gold, and your family will become happy.</li> </ul> | <p>4. Which word best describes Penelope?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ generous</li> <li>Ⓑ unhappy</li> <li>Ⓒ greedy</li> <li>Ⓓ mean</li> </ul> <p>5. What causes Penelope to turn to gold?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ holding the eggs</li> <li>Ⓑ dancing excitedly</li> <li>Ⓒ hugging her father</li> <li>Ⓓ meeting the wizard</li> </ul> <p>6. How does Penelope feel when she first sees the golden eggs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ puzzled</li> <li>Ⓑ disappointed</li> <li>Ⓒ overjoyed</li> <li>Ⓓ dizzy</li> </ul> |
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7. How does King Midas solve his problem?
  - Ⓐ He moves into a smaller house.
  - Ⓑ He paces around the garden.
  - Ⓒ He returns the golden eggs to the geese.
  - Ⓓ He begs for another wish to be granted.
8. What problem is King Midas hoping the wizard can first help him solve?
  - Ⓐ to make his daughter happy
  - Ⓑ to get the hens to lay bigger and better eggs
  - Ⓒ to increase his wealth
  - Ⓓ to make new friends
9. Which word means the same as **wealthy**?
  - Ⓐ poor
  - Ⓑ rich
  - Ⓒ greedy
  - Ⓓ angry
10. What does King Midas realize after his daughter turns to gold?
  - Ⓐ He loves his new power.
  - Ⓑ He is the richest man in the land.
  - Ⓒ Gold is not as important as love.
  - Ⓓ No one will eat golden eggs.
11. **Extended Response:** Why does King Midas go to the barnyard after visiting the wizard for the first time?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## A Golden Tragedy

Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
5. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
8. Ⓐ *Problem and Solution*
9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary but should include: *The King went to the barnyard because he wanted to turn the eggs of his daughter's birds into gold.*