***Directions: As you read “The Gift of the Magi,” stop after the pages mentioned below and answer the questions about the set-up, problem, conflict, and resolution in this story.***

“The Gift of the Magi” is a story, a narrative account of an event. When authors write narratives, they usually use a similar structure to develop the story. First, they describe when and where the story takes place. They introduce the main characters. This is called the ***Set-Up.*** Then a problem is introduced, and the characters must decide what to do. This is the ***Problem***. Once the characters decide how to solve the problem, a conflict can develop if the plan does not go well. This is called the ***Conflict***. At the end of the story, the problems and conflicts are resolved. This is the ***Resolution***. The next activity will help you to see the narrative structure of this story

WHILE-READING ACTIVITY 2

**1. The Set-up (pp.53-54)** Where and when does the story take place?



**5. The Conflict**

**(pp. 55-56 )** How does Della manage to buy Jim a gift? What does Della give him as a Christmas gift?

**6. The Conflict**

**(p.56-57)** What does Jim do to buy Della a gift? What does Jim give Della as a Christmas gift?

**7. Resolution (p. 57)** What are Jim and Della going to do with the gifts they received from each other?

**4. The Problem** **(p.54 )** Why doesn’t Jim have enough money for a present for Della?

**3. The Problem**

**(p.54 )** Why is it a problem that Della does not have enough money?

**2. The Set-Up (pp.53-54)**

Who are the main characters in this story?