

1. We learn that they are poor and that Della tries to save and barter as much as possible but can only save $1.87
2. She feels bad b/c she wants to buy Jim a gift
3. He got a pay cut recently- from $30/week to $20/week
4. Their most prized possessions are her hair and his watch
5. She bought Jim the chain for his watch
6. She felt SOOO HAPPY!
7. Jim comes home from work and is SHOCKED!

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**Freytag’s pyramid of the “The Gift of the Magi”**

Setting: 1930s, Christmas Eve, “flat” apartment in a city

Main Characters: Della & Jim (James) Dillingham- Young

RESOLUTION: He sold his watch to buy her the combs for her hair.

Denoument: The most important gift is LOVE and sacrificing for the one you love.

Della sells her hair

 Conflict

 Man vs. Society

 (need $)