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the text.

***The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg***

Once a poor peasant went to check the nest of his only goose to see if there might be an egg for the family’s supper. Instead of the usual white egg, a solid gold one lay in its place.

“Wife, wife, look what the old goose has laid!” exclaimed the peasant as he ran into the tiny cottage.

“We’re rich! We’re rich!” cried his wife. “Just think of the fine things we can buy.”

Each day as they checked the nest, they found a new golden egg. The discussion about what they would purchase with the gold grew more extravagant each day. Finally, their greed reached the point where they were no longer content to build their wealth by one golden egg each day.

“Husband, why must we acquire this wealth this slow, difficult way? Why don’t you cut open the old goose so we may have all the gold at once?” suggested his wife.

At first the husband hemmed and hawed, but finally agreed to butcher the goose and take control of the fortune.

After butchering the old goose, the husband brought it into the hut to cut the goose open while his wife watched. Slowly and carefully he worked, only to find---nothing at all. The goose was just like any other on the inside. “Why did we do that, they both cried? Now there will be golden eggs no more!”

1. Which of the following is the MOST important event from the beginning of the fable?

A. A wife discusses with her husband what fine things she will buy.

B. A poor peasant and his wife discover their old goose is laying golden eggs.

C. A husband and wife begin to work on cooking the family’s supper.

D. A husband and wife check the goose’s nest each day.

2. Which of the following is the MOST important event from the middle of the fable?

A. A husband and wife become greedy and decide to butcher the old goose.

B. Each day the wife and the husband check the nest and find many golden eggs.

C. The wife exclaims to her husband how rich they will be.

D. A wife and husband discuss what to purchase with their gold.

3. Which of the following is the most important event from the end of the fable?

A. The goose lays another golden egg for the husband and wife.

B. The husband hems and haws before he butchers the goose.

C. The husband butchers the old goose and finds nothing inside.

D. The wife tells her husband they acquiring their wealth too slowly.

4. Which of the following is the BEST moral of this fable?

A. Too much greed results in nothing.

B. One thing leads to another.

C. Never own a goose.

D. A white egg is better than a gold one.

5. Recount the fable and its moral in your own words. Use key details from the text in your

response.

