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# The Golden Goose

## A German Fairy Tale

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# STRATEGIES & SKILLS

## Comprehension

**Strategy:** Summarize

**Skill:** Point of View

## Vocabulary Strategy

Root Words

## Vocabulary

admit, barter, considered,  
creation, humble,  
magnificent, payments,  
reluctantly

## Contents Standards

Social Studies

Economics

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**Essential Question**

**How do we get what we need?**

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## Chapter 1

# Into the Forest



There once was a boy called Dummling. That was not his real name, but it's what everybody called him.

Dummling had two older brothers. One day, the eldest brother went into the forest to cut wood. His mother gave him a freshly baked cake and some sweet apple juice for his lunch.

In the forest, the brother met a tiny old man.

“Will you share your lunch with me?” asked the man. “I am very hungry.”

“I can't,” said the brother. “I only have enough for one.”

The man shook his head and went away without another word.

“I’d better eat my food now in case he comes back,” said the brother to himself. He was in such a hurry he did not look before he sat down. He sat on a bee, which stung him.

The brother rushed home in pain. All the way home he muttered to himself, “I didn’t like the way that man looked at me.”





The family still needed wood, so the middle brother headed to the forest. His mother packed him the same lunch. He met the same tiny old man.

“Won’t you share your lunch with me?” asked the man. “I’m very hungry and thirsty.”

The middle brother considered the request. “No, I won’t,” he said. “Your hunger is not my problem. Please go away.”

Before the brother had even begun to chop wood, he slipped and twisted his ankle. He limped home, muttering, “That was no accident!”

## Chapter 2

# The Gift of Good Luck

When there was no wood for the fire, Dummling asked if he could help.

“Do you think you can handle the task?” asked his father.

“I’m not sure,” said Dummling.

“I suppose if you hurt yourself, you will at least learn what not to do,” said his father.

“Go on, then, and don’t get into any trouble.”

Dummling’s mother shrugged and gave him some stale cake and sour juice for his lunch.



When Dummling came to the forest, the tiny old man was there.

“Will you share your food with me?” asked the man. “I’m very hungry and thirsty.”

“Of course. It will be good to have company,” said Dummling.

As they sat down to eat, Dummling said in his humble way, “I’m afraid the cake may be a little stale and the juice a little sour.”

To his surprise, however, the cake had become freshly baked cake. The sour juice was now sweet and delicious.

When they had eaten, the old man said, “You have been very generous. I would like to give you something in return.”

“Thank you. People don’t usually give me things,” said Dummling.







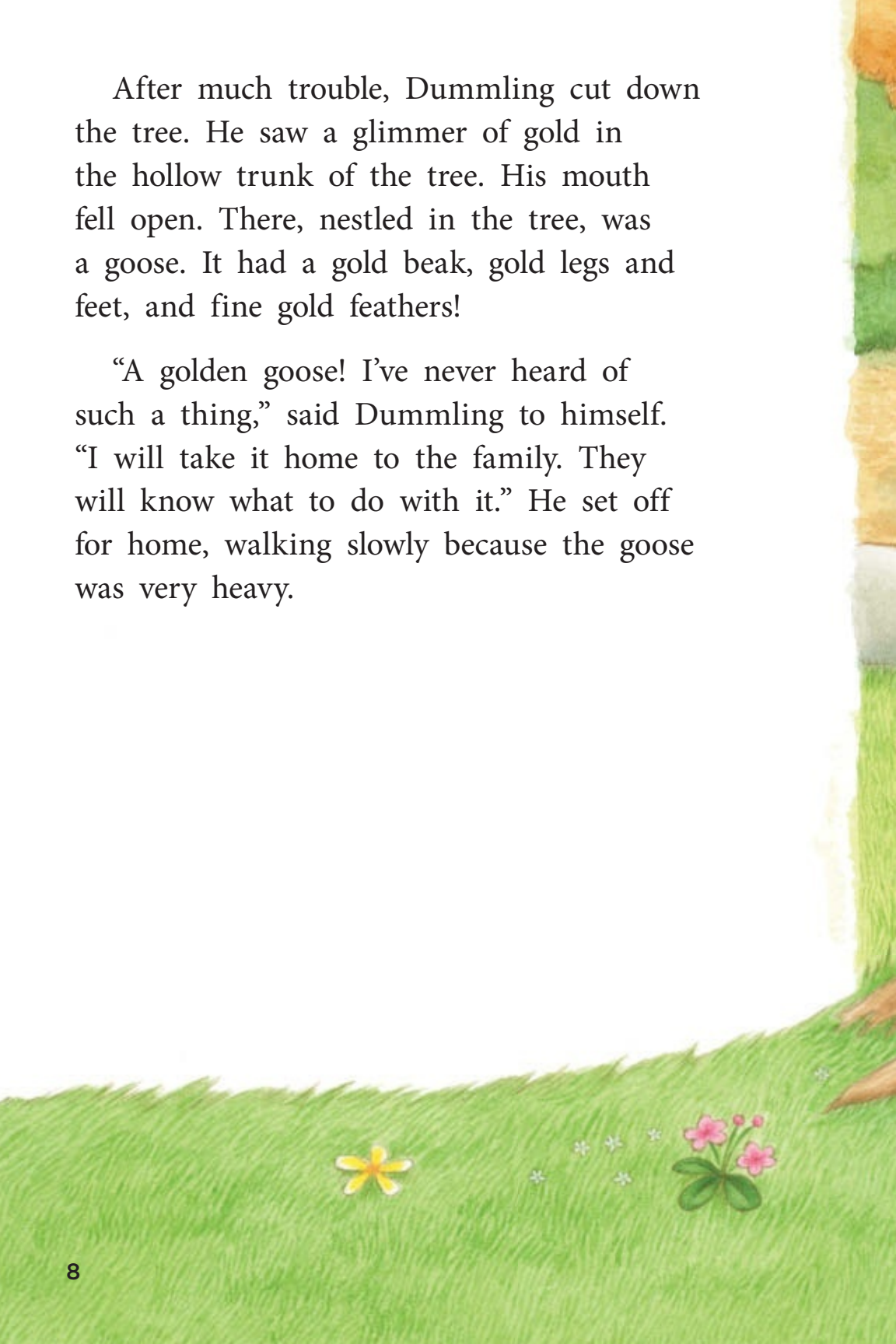
“If you cut down that tree over there, you will find a special creation of mine. It is hidden inside the tree,” said the man.

“That’s a very big tree,” said Dummling, “but I will try.”

“I’m really giving you the gift of good luck,” said the old man. The next minute he was gone.

After much trouble, Dummling cut down the tree. He saw a glimmer of gold in the hollow trunk of the tree. His mouth fell open. There, nestled in the tree, was a goose. It had a gold beak, gold legs and feet, and fine gold feathers!

“A golden goose! I’ve never heard of such a thing,” said Dummling to himself. “I will take it home to the family. They will know what to do with it.” He set off for home, walking slowly because the goose was very heavy.





## Chapter 3

# Sticking Together

As Dummling walked, three sisters approached him. Seeing the goose, they were curious about this magnificent bird.

“Look at those feathers,” said the oldest girl. “They are so pretty. I would like to wear one in my hair.”

She tried to pluck one of the feathers from the goose’s wing, but the minute her hand touched the goose, she was stuck to it.



“What happened?” said the middle sister.

“I can’t let go of the goose,” said the eldest.  
“It’s as though the goose is a magnet and I am a nail.”

The middle sister tried to help.

“Perhaps if I pull, you will come unstuck,” she said. As soon as she touched her sister, however, she was stuck to her.

The youngest sister rushed over to the others.

“You are always trying to leave me out. Do you think you can have the golden feathers all to yourselves?” she said. She grabbed the middle sister’s arm. Soon she, too, was stuck.

Not knowing what else to do, Dumpling set off for home with the goose under his arm. The three sisters walked behind him, trying not to trip over each other.

As they stumbled along the road, they met a woman from the town.

“You girls should be at school, not frolicking about,” she said, tapping the youngest on the shoulder.

“Oh no!” yelled the woman. “I’m stuck!” She had to run to keep up with the group.

When the woman’s husband saw her running after the girls, he scolded her. “Act your age!” He tried to take her by the arm, but he became stuck, too. There were now five people running in a ragged line behind the boy with the goose under his arm.



## Chapter 4

# The Serious Princess

Dummling carried on in the direction of home. However, he was so confused by the human chain dragging behind him that he took a wrong turn. Soon, the group found themselves in front of the king's castle.

Now, this king had a daughter who was always serious. In fact, she had never laughed. Her father was very worried about her. He made a declaration that the first person to make her laugh would earn her hand in marriage.



As the princess looked down from a balcony, she saw the procession of people stuck fast to the golden goose. Dummling seemed to be leading a merry dance.

“I’ll admit, that’s pretty funny,” said the princess to herself.

The human chain twisted and turned. The princess began to giggle. The goose honked, causing one of the sisters to trip over her feet. The princess couldn’t help herself. She began laughing loudly.







The king was not sure about Dummling, but it made him happy to see the princess laughing. Reluctantly, the king congratulated Dummling on his good fortune.

“You have earned the hand of my daughter in marriage. You will also gain a share of my kingdom.”

“Thank you, Your Highness. I have just one request,” said the boy.

“What is it?” said the king.

“From now on, I would like everyone to call me by my real name, which is David.”

# Respond to Reading

## Summarize

Use details from the story to summarize *The Golden Goose*. Your chart may help you.

Details

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Point of View

## Text Evidence

1. How can you tell this story is a fairy tale? Identify one feature that tells you this. **GENRE**
2. What can you tell about Dummling by the way he reacts to the old man's gift? Look at page 7 for clues. **POINT OF VIEW**
3. What does the word *declaration* on page 13 mean? How does using the root word *declare* help you figure out the meaning? **ROOT WORDS**
4. Write about how the old man in the woods feels about Dummling. Compare it to how he feels about Dummling's brothers. Use details from the text in your answers. **WRITE ABOUT READING**

**Compare Texts**

Read about why people love gold.

# Gold, Gold, Gold

Gold is a shiny yellow metal. It is mined from the Earth. It is the most useful and most prized of all metals.

Gold is soft and very easy to work. It can be made into wire. It can be hammered into thin sheets. It can also be melted and made into all kinds of shapes. It can be mixed with many other metals.

## USES FOR GOLD

Currency	Decoration	Technology and Health
coins	jewelry	space shuttle
gold bars	gold leaf on painting	gold teeth

Because gold is so rare and useful, it was once used as an item of barter. Barter is when you exchange something you have for something you want.

Eventually people decided to use gold as a type of currency, or money. Gold works well when used as money. It has a high value, is long-lasting, easy to carry, and easy to divide up.

The first known use of gold as money dates back about 6,000 years. Early payments were made using pieces of gold. The first gold coins were minted under the order of King Croesus of Lydia (a region of present-day Turkey) in about 500 B.C.

**Gold objects such as this Egyptian statue have always been highly prized.**



Gold is sold in units of weight, such as ounces or grams.

Gold coins were commonly used as money until the early 1900s. After that, people began to use paper money.

Today gold coins are no longer widely used as money. However, people still buy gold for investment. They buy bars of gold or gold coins.

Gold coins are also issued for special occasions. People like to collect them. They have value as a reminder of a special event. They also have value because of the value of the metal.



## Make Connections

What are the ways that people have used gold to get what they need? **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Why do people prize gold objects? Use what you learned from *The Golden Goose* and *Gold, Gold, Gold* to support your response. **TEXT TO TEXT**

# Focus on Genre

**Fairy Tales** Fairy tales are fantasy stories. These stories are not realistic, and they can include magical events. Fairy tales are often retold by different authors.

**Read and Find** *The Golden Goose* is a fairy tale. It is not a realistic story because it contains a magical character and events that could not have happened. *The Golden Goose* is a fairy tale from Germany that has been retold.

## Your Turn

Imagine that someone gave you a golden goose. How would it help you to get something you need? Retell one part of the story of the golden goose as if it were happening to you. You can invent a fantasy setting or set the story in the present day.

Fiction

# Thinkmark

## Characters

Who are the main characters in *The Golden Goose*?

Who are the other characters?

What characteristics does the main character have that make the plot possible?

## Plot

What was the most important choice that Dummling made?

What was the end result?

## Author's Purpose

What is the author's purpose for retelling *The Golden Goose*?

## Make Connections

How is *The Golden Goose* like other fairy tales you have read?

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