O’Henry, Gift of the Magi

“Gift of the Magi” is one of the best-known short stories of the American literature. O’Henry is mostly associated with the popular taste in short story. Please consider the following questions while reading the short story.

1. What are the characteristics of the linguistic style of the short story “Gift of the Magi”?

3. Is there a climax in the short story?

3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the short story?

Mark Twain, “Extracts from Adam’s Diary”

Likewise, Mark Twain is a very famous American fiction writer. Hemingway claims that all the modern American literature comes out of Huckleberry Finn’s overcoat. Twain represents the humorous vein in American literature.

4. Please select a humorous section of the short story and explain how humor is achieved.

5. What is irony? What are the types of irony? Are there any examples of irony in the text?

6. Is this a misogynistic short story? Why/Why not?