

Literary Essay Organizer

Introductory Paragraph

Important Ideas: Poor Fisherman finds magic fish. Fish grants wishes. Wife demands more after each wish. Eventually she loses everything she gained in wishes.

Title and gist of the story: The Magic Fish and the Fisherman is about a fisherman who accidentally catches a magic fish. His wife demands he make a wish of the fish but each time the wish is granted she is quickly unsatisfied and demands more. Eventually the fish tires of the demands and he takes back every wish the couple was granted and they end up where they began.

Theme: Be happy when blessed with good fortune or you could lose it.

First Supporting Paragraph (include specific details)

In/throughout the story: The fisherman's wife makes greater demands and forces the fisherman to confront the fish with her demands.

For example: After the first wish is granted the wife calls the fisherman a simpleton and says, "you asked for only a simple tub, go back to that goldfish and ask for a new house!"

This shows that: The wife was not going to be content with the wish that was granted and suggests that she will be hard to please.
