

**Grade 7 LL**

### **The Goose and the Golden Eggs**

A farmer and his wife owned a goose that laid a golden egg every day. At first, they were amazed by their good fortune. Each day, they collected the golden egg and slowly became wealthier.

However, as time passed, they grew impatient. They began to wonder if the goose might be filled with gold inside. If that were true, they thought, they could become rich all at once instead of waiting for one egg each day.

Finally, they decided to kill the goose and cut it open. But when they did, they discovered that the goose was just like any other goose. There was no gold inside.

Because of their greed and impatience, they lost the goose and the golden eggs forever.

(Adapted from Aesop)

#### **QUESTION:**

Why did the farmer and his wife decide to kill the goose? What does this show about their personalities? Use examples from the story to support your ideas.