

Name _____

The Water of Life

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Analyze the character development of the three princes in "The Water of Life." How did each prince's actions and choices reveal their individual qualities and strengths throughout their journey?
2. Explore the theme of kindness and its rewards in the story. How did the acts of kindness shown by Dimitri, Erik, and Ivan towards the dwarf contribute to their eventual success in obtaining the Water of Life?
3. Discuss the significance of the magical gifts received by the princes from the dwarf. How did these gifts play a crucial role in their quest to confront the dragon and retrieve the elixir, and what does this reveal about the importance of resourcefulness in overcoming challenges?
4. Reflect on the king's decision at the end of the story to divide the kingdom among his sons. How does this resolution reflect the values of the kingdom, and what does it suggest about the king's view of leadership and his sons' abilities?

