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## The Water of Life

### Short Answer Key

1. Dimitri received a magical golden goose, Erik received a magical golden harp, and Ivan received a rusty old club from the dwarf in gratitude for their help.
2. Dimitri used the golden goose to distract the dragon, while Erik played the golden harp to soothe the dragon. Ivan used the rusty club to defeat the dragon.
3. The king decided to divide the kingdom into three parts, with each son ruling one part of the kingdom.
4. The success of the three princes in obtaining the Water of Life was attributed to their individual qualities and actions. Dimitri showed compassion and resourcefulness in helping the dwarf, Erik used his talent for music to calm the dragon, and Ivan displayed bravery and determination in defeating the dragon.
5. Ivan received a rusty old club as a gift from the dwarf because the dwarf recognized the genuine kindness in Ivan's heart and believed that he possessed the inner strength and courage needed to overcome challenges, even without the aid of magical items.

