Write On!

Before Reading: As you come across words in bold in The Goose That Laid the Golden Eggs, ask yourself if you know them or if you can figure them out from context. Then check their meanings here.

1. carpenter: “Don’t forget we need to pay the carpenter for the new furniture.” (p. 24)
   Meaning: a person whose job is to make and repair wooden objects and buildings

2. demolished: “They look at their demolished house and ripped-up cornfield.” (p. 25)
   Meaning: knocked down or destroyed

3. eternity: “After what seems like an eternity, they arrive at the market.” (pp. 21-22)
   Meaning: an endless amount of time

4. exquisite: “Exquisite roses will circle a beautiful fountain.” (p. 24)
   Meaning: very beautiful and fine

5. generous: “I sure do appreciate that. You’re mighty generous people.” (p. 22)
   Meaning: willing and happy to give to and share with others

6. horizon: “From the darkness, the sun begins to peek over the horizon.” (p. 21)
   Meaning: the line where it looks like the land or sea touches the sky; the farthest place you can see

7. rickety: “Outside, Pa loads up the rickety cart with all of their corn and eggs.” (p. 21)
   Meaning: weak and likely to break

8. wardrobe: “I’ve come to measure you for your new wardrobe.” (p. 24)
   Meaning: all the clothes a person owns

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Directions: Choose ONE of the four writing prompts below and respond to it. Your response should include the vocabulary word used in the prompt, plus one other bolded word from the play.

- Describe a time when someone was generous toward you.
- Write a short story about a huge creature that demolished a city.
- Would you want to live for eternity? Explain why or why not.
- Write a scene from a funny play about a rickety time machine.

Continue on another piece of paper if you need more room.