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“Buttercup Gold”

Often, the person we become as an adult is related to our experiences growing up. Think about the man in the story. The author states that the man was selfish and didn't want anyone to know he had the gold from the end of the rainbow. Why?

Consider what the man might have been like as a child. Think about where he lived; how family, friends, and neighbors might have treated him; what experience(s) he might have had that made him the selfish, greedy man he became.

Write a “time capsule” letter from the man’s point of view, explaining how his childhood made him the adult he became. This letter will be read by the fairy who turned the man’s gold into flowers. In the letter, give a general picture of the man’s life and detail those things that explain why the man grew up to be selfish. As you write, think about those things that might make the fairy better understand the man’s behavior.