King Midas and the Golden Touch

Midas was the King of Phyrgia, who had everything he could have wished for. He lived in a luxurious castle and shared his riches with his lovely daughter. He thought that his gold brought him happiness. Money was his obsession! He always had a smile when counting his gold coins. He was so greedy, he even slept with his gold coins.

One day, Dionysus, the god of celebration, and his tutor Silenus, traveled through Phyrgia. When they became tired, they asked King Midas if they could spend the night rather than continue traveling. King Midas graciously accommodated them in the palace.

The next day, Dionysus was so grateful to Midas for his kindness that he offered him a wish. Midas did not think long when he said, “I want everything I touch to turn to gold.” Dionysus knew this was not a good idea and warned the king to think about what a wish like that could do. Acting impulsively and without hesitation, Midas reconfirmed this is what he wanted.

Midas extended his arm to touch his desk and it turned to gold. Midas jumped with joy and touched his chair, then the door, his bathtub, and the carpet. He ran all over the palace touching everything until he got hungry. He touched his food and it turned to gold. Fear filled his heart and tears filled his eyes. He was hungry but couldn’t eat! When his daughter entered, Midas hugged her. She turned to gold! Midas yelled so loud that Dionysys heard his cries and took back the wish. Midas spent the remainder of his days giving gold coins away.
Directions: Answer the questions in complete sentences citing evidence from the text.

1. Characters have traits and motivations. Traits are how characters define personality and tell what the character is doing. Motivations are the reasons characters do things. List traits and motivations of King Midas.

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2. What made King Midas happy?

3. What did King Midas learn from this experience?

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1. What was the lesson of the story?

2. Cite evidence to show how the King’s actions affected his personality change?

3. The author said, “He was hungry but couldn’t eat.” Why couldn’t King Midas eat?

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