



King Midas

King Midas was known for his wisdom but also for his greed. He desired to have the largest amount of wealth and money in the world. One day the God Dionysus was in King Midas' town. King Midas showed kindness to one of Dionysus' men, so Dionysus said he would grant King Midas one wish.

King Midas wished for everything he touched to be turned to gold. The God warned him of such a wish but granted it anyway. The king was so happy when he began to become richer and richer but, soon he realized that he could not eat or drink without it turning to gold as well. He returned to Dionysus and begged him to get rid of this "curse". The God told him to wash himself in the river of Paktolos. King Midas did just this and his gold washed away. It is legend that the gold settled in the sand of the river and was washed away to the country of Lydia, which became one of the richest countries in the world.

Name _____ Date _____
Complete the questions below using complete sentences.

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1. What was King Midas known for? _____

2. Why was King Midas granted one wish? _____

3. Why did King Midas want to turn everything he touched into gold?

4. Today we use the term "he has the Midas touch", explain what this means.

5. What lesson did you learn from this story? _____

