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**A European Short Story: *The Golden Lion (Italy)***

1. Vocabulary – Use a dictionary or the internet to define the following words you will see in the story.

**Eldest -**

**Merchant –**

**Forfeit –**

**Proclamation –**

**Goldsmith –**

**Companion –**

**Maiden –**

**Dowry –**

**Courtier –**

1. Why did the eldest son want to leave his father, the rich merchant?
2. Complete: “Any man who can find the king’s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within \_\_\_\_ days can have her as his\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What will happen to any man who cannot find the princess within eight days?
4. Explain why the second son wanted to leave. What eventually happened to him?
5. The youngest son set out to find his lost brothers. On his way he met an old woman. Why do you think he was rude to her when they first met? What changed his attitude towards her?
6. Put the following events in order as they happened in the story. (Use the numbers 1-6).

**\_\_\_\_\_\_The young man told the princess to wear a white sash so he could pick her out from the others.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_The young man climbed into the lion.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_The old woman told the king that he may keep the lion for only one night.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_The old woman came to fetch the lion, and the young man returned to the palace to tell the king he**

**wanted to find the princess.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_The old woman told him to take his money to a goldsmith and have it made into a Golden Lion.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_The king took the lion to the princess and her 11 friends.**

1. Summarize the ending of the story in your own words. (Start from when the third young man asked the king if he could search for the princess and continue to the end). This should be one paragraph in length and include details, complete sentences, and accurate information. (Hint: You may want to list the events in order first).