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### Wishes Granted

The hypothetical situation of being granted three wishes is often discussed between friends. Wishes are pondered for the outcome of happiness. Yet, it is amazing how far people are willing to go for instant gratification. W.W. Jacobs' short story, *The Monkey's Paw* is about a family that is tempted to use a cursed talisman to make 3 final wishes that cost more than what they receive. The greed of the characters leads them to be tempted and blinded by the monkey's paw despite its negative connotations. Jacobs uses the theme of greed to tempt fate and to emphasize the ignorance of his characters.

#### General Statement

Introduction and Summary of the Short Story

Thesis

Thesis Statement (2 arguments)