

## **“The Necklace” Reading Guide**

**Questions:** *Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Do not use pronouns – be specific.*

1. Why is Madame Loisel unhappy with her life at the beginning of the story?
2. What kind of life does Mathilde want? [consider her dreams]
3. Name three important facts that you learned about the character of Mathilde in the first two paragraphs.
4. Why did M. Loisel expect his wife to be pleased to receive the invitation from the Minister of Education?
5. Describe Mme. Loisel’s reaction on reading the invitation.
6. Why had M. Loisel been saving 400 Francs?
7. Why was Mme. Loisel anxious to hurry away from the ball?
8. What efforts were made to find Madame Forestier’s necklace?
9. Why were the Loisels allowed to buy the new necklace for less than the asking price?
10. How did Monsieur Loisel contribute to the cost of the new necklace?
11. Describe how the Loisels’ life changed after they had paid for the new necklace.
12. How did Mme. Forestier recognize Mme. Loisel when they met in the Champs-Élysées?
13. What was Madame Forestier’s reaction when the necklace was returned?

**Thinking Questions:** *Choose 3 questions to answer. Your answer should be 3-4 sentences in length. Highlight the textual evidence in your answer.*

1. Do you think Monsieur Loisel enjoyed the ball? Give at least two reasons (textual evidence) to support your answer.
2. Do you think Mme. Loisel recognized good quality jewelry? Give at least two reasons (textual evidence) to support your answer.
3. Why do you think Mme. Forestier never contacted Mme. Loisel after the ‘return’ of her necklace? Give at least two reasons (textual evidence) to support your answer.
4. Do you think Monsieur Loisel was content with his life before the ball took place? Give at least two reasons (textual evidence) to support your answer.
5. Discuss whether the Loisels chose the right course of action when they found the necklace was missing. What other choices were open to them? Why were these not chosen? Give at least two reasons (textual evidence) to support your answer.
- 6 Do you think Mme. Forestier will sell the diamond necklace and return the Loisels’ money? Give at least two reasons (textual evidence) to support your answer.