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| **1.2** Why did M. Loisel expect his wife to be pleased to receive the invitation from the Minister of Education?**1.3** Describe Mme Loisel's reaction on reading the invitation.**1.4** Why had M. Loisel been saving 400 Francs?**1.5** Compare and contrast the life of Mme Lebrun before and after the disappearance of the necklace.**1.6** Why was Mme Loisel anxious to hurry away from the ball?**1.7** What efforts were made to find Mme Forestier's necklace?**1.8** Describe in your own words how the Loisels' life changed after they had paid for the new necklace.**1.9** How did Mme Forestier recognize Mme Loisel when they met in the Champs-Elysees?**1.10** What was Mme Forestier's reaction when the necklace was returned? |
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| **2.2** Why was Mathilde unhappy with her life at the opening of the story?**2.3** Do you think M. Loisel enjoyed the ball?**2.4** Why were the Loisels allowed to buy the new necklace for less than the asking price?**2.5** Before the last few lines of this story, are there any clues given by the author which hint at the true value of the necklace?**2.6** Why do you think Mme Forestier never contacted Mme Loiser after the 'return' of her necklace?**2.7** Do you think M. Loisel was content with his life before the ball took place?**2.8** How did M. Loisel contribute to the cost of the new necklace? |
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| **3.2** Write a different end to the story, assuming that *either* Mme Loisel never lost the necklace *or* that she found the necklace.**3.4** Discuss whether the Loisels chose the right course of action when they found the necklace was missing? What other choices were open to them and why were these not chosen?**3.5** Do you think there is a moral to this story? |

**Number the events below based on the right sequence of events in the short story ‘The Necklace’.**

- Mathilde had neither jewellery nor gowns. In fact, she had nothing.

- Loisel came home feeling triumphant and gave Mathilde an envelope.

- Mathilde felt that she was on top of the world at the ball as she looked beautiful.

- Mathilde did not feel happy even after knowing it was an honour to attend the ball.

- Mathilde and her husband were invited to the Minister’s residence to attend a ball.

- Mathilde returned home and realised the necklace was lost.

- Mathilde borrowed a diamond necklace from her friend, Madame Forestier.

- Mathilde dreamed of having the finest things in life.

- Her husband offered her four hundred francs to get a gown to wear to the ball.

- Loisel borrowed money from individuals and usurers to replace the lost necklace.

- Mathilde returned the necklace to Madame Forestier.

- Mathilde remembered the wonderful time she had at the ball when she was alone.

- Mathilde was very thrifty in later part of her life and bargained hard for the best prices.

- Loisel worked extra hard to repay the debts.

- Madame Forestier told Mathilde that the necklace she borrowed was a fake.

**Study the short story “The Necklace”. Then, complete the exercise below.**

**Put true (T) or false (F) to indicate whether the statements are true or false.**

1. Mathilde was born in a family of clerks.

2. Mathilde enjoyed living a simple life based on her husband’s income.

3. Loisel worked as an attache in the Ministry of Public Instruction.

4. One of the clerks at the Ministry of Public Instruction gave Mathilde an envelope.

5. The envelope contained an invitation to a ball by the Minister of Public Instruction.

6. Malthide was very excited to receive the invitation card.

7. Her husband offered her four hundred francs to get a gown to wear to the ball.

8. Mathilde’s husband suggested that she wore natural flowers as they were trendy.

9. Mathilde borrowed a pearl necklace from Madame Forestier.

10. Loisel found the lost necklace in the cab the next day.

11. Mathilde was the centre of attraction at the ball and many people danced with her.

12. Mathilde did not want to use the wraps because she felt warm.

13. Loisel borrowed money from individuals and loan sharks.

14. The couple moved out to a garret to cut cost.

15. The diamond necklace cost forty-five thousand francs.

16. Mathilde and her husband suffered ceaselessly for a decade.

17. Loisel worked hard to earn extra money to repay the debts.

18. Mathilde did not want to recall the evening she had attended the ball later in life.

19. Mathilde was very thrifty and bargained for the best prices.

20. Madame Forestier told Mathilde the necklace was not genuine.