**The Necklace by** [**Guy de Maupassant**](http://www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/UBooks/Neck.shtml)

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1. What do you think Maupassant/the narrator feels about his characters? Is he sympathetic? Distant? Judgmental?
2. Do you think Mme Loisel recognized good quality jewelry? Give reasons.
3. Why was Mathilde unhappy with her life at the opening of the story?
4. How is Madame Loisel different from her husband?
5. What symbolic meaning does the necklace have for Madame Loisel when she wears it?
6. How does Madam Loisel change as she works to pay off the necklace?
7. Did the Loisels choose the right course of action when they realized the necklace was missing? What else could they have done?
8. How is the ending of the story ironic?
9. Do you feel sorry for Mathilde? Why or why not?
10. What is the theme of "The Necklace"?