

The Necklace

Study Questions

1. What kind of woman is Mathilde Loisel? Why is she depressed by her surrounding?

A. Mathilde Loisel belongs to a middle-class family and always dreams to be a rich woman and wealthy. When she visits her friends, she is depressed because she feels that she is less than others.

2. What kind of man is M. Loisel? Why did he procure an invitation to the party of the Minister of Education? Does he love his wife? Does he understand her?

A. M. Loisel is a simple clerk who works at the Ministry of Education. He is a humble man. He procured an invitation to the party because he works at this Ministry and also to make his wife happy. He loves his wife and understands her because one time he gave her some money to buy a fancy dress to attend the party.

3. Describe the preparation period before the party. Why does Mathilde choose the necklace? Knowing the story's ending, why is her choice ironic?

A. Matilda bought a new dress and after that she was still unhappy, because she needs something to wear like a necklace that is why she went to her friend, Mme. Forester to borrow her necklace. Mathilde chooses the necklace because she wants to attend the party as a rich woman. The ironic that she believes in outer appearances when she has chosen the necklace she thought it was a real diamond but, at the end she discovered it was fake.

4. Describe the meeting between Matilda and Mme. Forester. What word(s) is evoked in your mind by the story's ending? Why does Matilda smile with proud and naïve joy?

A. After the meeting and knowing that the necklace was fake, suppose Matilda to be shocked, but she gave a smile with a proud to show her friend that she was not depressed and it means that she did not change and still pretending as a rich woman.