

Chapter Name- The Necklace

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The Necklace



CHARACTERS (List and describe on separate lines):

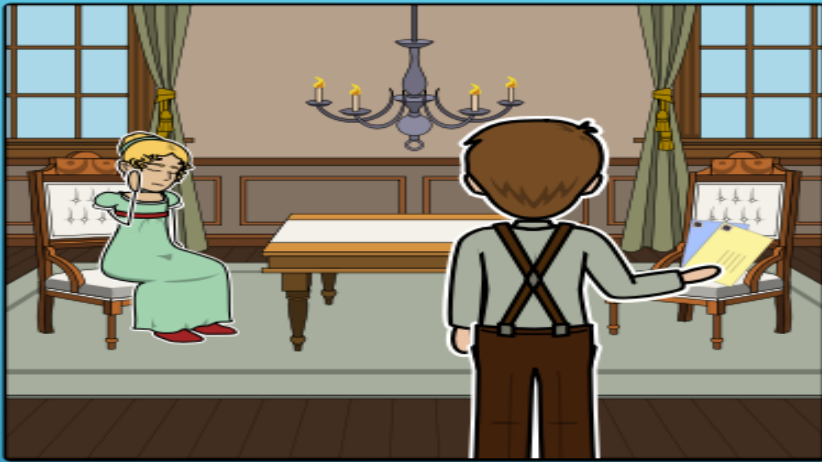
- Madame Loisel - selfish (beautiful, charming, middle class, spoiled, daydreamed) → → aged quickly, heavy rough, harsh, shrill voice, poor
- Monsieur Loisel - kind, generous, loyal hard-working, clerk for Ministry of Education, wants to please wife, middle class



 Madame Forestier - kind, generous,
wealthy, snobby



Exposition



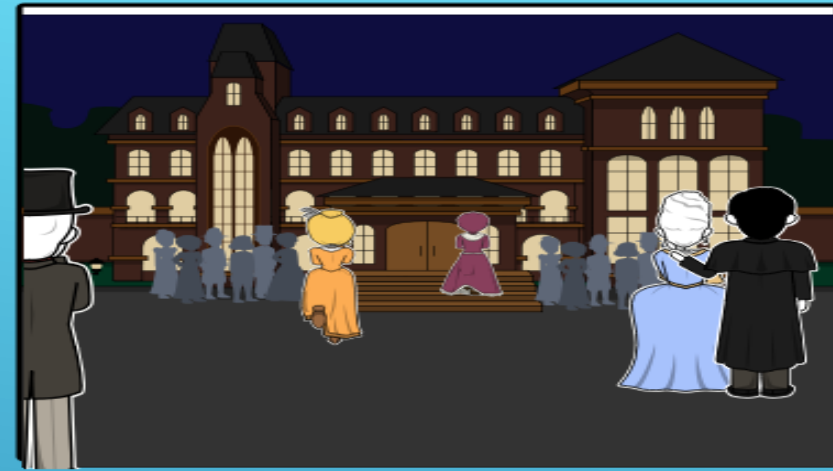
In Paris, France, set in the 80's, a Woman named Madame Loisel dreams of a very rich and proper lifestyle. One day, her husband brings her an invitation to a party for the rich, but she is devastated by the fact that she has nothing to wear.

Conflict



She is very saddened by the fact that she thinks that she is poor, and decides to not only use her husband's nest egg to buy a dress, and she borrows a diamond necklace from her friend, madame Forestner.

Rising Action



Madame Loisel attends the party, and is the center of the show, grabbing everyone's attention, and enjoying herself to her fullest.

Climax



After the party, as she is taken home by her husband by taxi, she realizes that the necklace that is worth more than her life is missing.

Falling Action



After buying time, stalling, and having her husband search for the lost necklace for a week, she finally decides to spend all of her money and get a couple large loans to buy a new one.

Resolution



After working off her enormous debt for 10 years, she meets up with Mme. Forestner by chance and is told that the lost necklace was only made of paste; it had almost no value at all! She had spent all her money, her dreams, and a decade of her life on her own desires for wealth.

Vocabulary

Incessantly - endlessly; constantly

- Phil incessantly played his guitar while Jeremy was trying to sleep.



Disconsolate - so unhappy that nothing can comfort; hopeless and depressed

-The team was disconsolate because they lost the championship game.



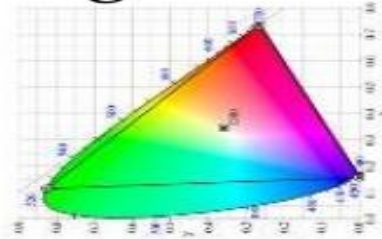
Aghast - filled with fear, horror, or amazement

-The chimpanzee was aghast when he discovered that there were no more bananas left.



Gamut - the entire range or series of something

-There is a gamut of colors in the rainbow.



Privation - the lack of the comforts or basic necessities of life

-The privation the people have in Haiti is upsetting to the people who have everything.



Plot

- She prefers to hide the truth from her friend and decides to replace the necklace, even though it took a lot of work, money and sacrifice. Years later she finally pays off the necklace and decides to tell her friend the truth, to her surprise the necklace she had lost was an imitation.

Theme

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

The theme of the Necklace is about **honesty and telling the truth**. The author is trying to stress the **importance of telling the truth**.

For example, in the story, Mathilde's friend, Madame Forestier, gives her a necklace. Mathilde loses the necklace and her husband, Monsieur Mathilde, buys a replacement necklace. The story shows that honesty is the best policy because Mathilde's husband will eventually find out that she bought a fake necklace. It is always easier to tell the truth than to lie. In the end, Mathilde says, "If you will save your soul, tell the truth."

Theme

LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS

It is also about the **CONTENTMENT OF WHAT YOU HAVE.**

People should learn to be **happy and thankful** of what they have. If they want more, they should **work harder to achieve it.**

Theme

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FOR FREE

**THE BEST AND MOST WONDERFUL THINGS IN
THIS WORLD ARE FREE**

We can't buy happiness.

Be inspired by this video.

Thinking Cap

What does the necklace symbolizes?



SYMBOLS:

- Necklace = greed/desire for what one cannot have, differences in social classes, dishonesty, Mme. L's 'fakeness' or want of material things
- Wrap = Mme's station in life – insecurity- embarrassment
- Dress = M. Loisel sacrifice for his wife



Who said the following lines?

- “Why, my dear, I thought you would be glad. You never go out, and this is such a fine opportunity. I had a great trouble to get it...” **Monsieur Loisel**
- “Only I have no gown and therefore, I can’t go to this ball. Give your card to some colleagues whose wife is better equipped than I am...” **Madame Loisel**
- “Yes, look further, I don’t know what you like...” **Mme. Forestier**
- “It annoys me not to have a single piece of jewelry, not a single ornament, nothing to put on. I shall look poverty stricken...” **Madame Loisel**

Who said the following lines?

- “Wait a bit. You will catch a cold outside. I will call a cab...” **Monsieur Loisel**
- “I have lost Madame Forestier’s necklace...” **Mme. Loisel**
- “I shall go back on foot, over the whole route, to see whether I can find it...” **Monsieur Loisel**
- “It was not I, madame, who sold that necklace; I must simply have furnished the case.” **Jeweler**
- “You should have returned it sooner; I might have needed it.” **Madame Forestier**
- My poor Mathilde, Why my necklace was a paste. It was worth at most only 500 francs. **Madame Forestier**

conflicts

Internal –

- **Mme. Loisel vs. herself:** her excessive pride, materialism and shallowness cause her emotional suffering as she feels she's been deprived of luxuries.

External –

- **Mme. Loisel vs. M. Loisel's different values** (although he is tolerant of her behavior and wants to please her)

THE MORAL

The moral lesson to be learned from "The Necklace" is that a person will pay dearly for coveting false values and a person's preoccupation with appearance and materialism is fruitless and vain.

Important to live within one's means.

The story teaches us not to borrow things or money unnecessarily.

It is also not wise to live a pretentious life. If we borrow money unnecessarily, Mathilde borrows a diamond necklace. She lost it and cause her husband and herself living in poverty.

We must realize that it is important to live within one's means.

► ***It is important to be contented in life and not to be greedy***

The story teaches us to be contented in life and not to be greedy to want everything. Loisel is very contented in life even if he leads a simple life with the income he earns. But on the other hand, Mathilde is obsessed to want all the delicacies and luxuries in life.

This causes her to be in her own world and day dreams that she is wealthy and famous. Her greed causes them to suffer for a period of ten years. If she is contented with what she has and is realistic of the fact that she is the wife of an ordinary clerk, she would not have to borrow the necklace in the first place.

It is important to be practical

The story teaches us to be practical and learn to solve problems carefully.

- *Loisel is a down-to-earth person. He knows that "all that glitters is not gold" and live life according to his means and capacity. He is able to find solutions to the problems because he is practical. It is important in life to be practical and realistic. Mathilde, on the other hand, is not practical. She is a day-dreamer, who is in her own world. Later in the story, Mathilde becomes practical as she faces the realities of life. It is important to be practical and not be carried away.*



Thinking Cap

Who are the victims in the story?

If you were Mathilde, what would you do after you have known the necklace is missing?

Give your opinion about Mathilde replacing the necklace secretly.



THANK YOU