“The Necklace”  
By Guy de Maupassant  
Comprehension Questions and Character Study

1. What is the meaning of the following words in the context in which they appear:
   - Artisans
   - Marriage Portion
   - Gallantries
   - Inscrutable
   - Petulantly
   - Usurers
   - Abject

2. Why did M. Loisel expect his wife to be pleased to receive the invitation from the Minister of Education?

3. Describe Mme Loisel's reaction on reading the invitation.

4. Why had M. Loisel been saving 400 Francs?

5. What efforts were made to find Mme Forestier's necklace?

6. Compare and contrast the life of Mme Loisel before and after the disappearance of the necklace.

7. Describe in your own words how the Loisels' life changed after they had paid for the new necklace.

9. How did Mme Forestier recognize Mme Loisel when they met in the Champs-Elysees?

10. What was Mme Forestier's reaction when the necklace was returned?

11. Do you think Mme Loisel recognized good quality jewelry?

12. Why was Mathilde unhappy with her life at the opening of the story?

13. Do you think M. Loisel enjoyed the ball?

14. Why were the Loisels allowed to buy the new necklace for less than the asking price?

15. Why do you think Mme Forestier never contacted Mme Loisel after the 'return' of her necklace?

16. Do you think M. Loisel was content with his life before the ball took place?
## Characterization of Mathilde Loisel

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