

**“The Necklace” by Guy de Maupassant**  
**Open-Book Test**

**Short Answer** Write your responses to the questions in this section on the lines provided.

1. At the beginning of “The Necklace,” Madame Loisel is characterized by her values, expectations, and goals in life. What does this characterization tell you about Madame Loisel?

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2. Early in “The Necklace,” Madame Loisel has a certain attitude toward her school friend, Madame Forestier. What is this attitude? What causes her to feel this way?

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3. What can readers of “The Necklace” conclude about the character of Madame Loisel’s husband, based on his responses to her complaint that she has nothing to wear to the party? Name an action of his that supports your answer.

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4. The author of “The Necklace” describes Madame Loisel’s appearance at the party as resplendent. In the first column of the chart, write words and phrases that describe her resplendent appearance. In the second column, write words and phrases that describe her appearance at the end of the story. Then follow the instructions below.

Madame Loisel at the Party	Madame Loisel at the End of the Story

Without using the word *resplendent*, write a sentence to describe Madame Loisel at the party. \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a sentence to describe her at the end of the story. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How do the actions of the Loisels immediately after the necklace is lost reveal strongly contrasting personalities? Cite evidence from "The Necklace" to support your answer.

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6. As the Loisels pay back the debt, the narrator of "The Necklace" says that Madame Loisel accepts her new life "with unexpected fortitude." Give a story detail or an example that shows her fortitude.

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7. At the very end of "The Necklace," what effect do you think Madame Forestier's revelation has upon Madame Loisel? Cite evidence to support your response.

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8. By the end of "The Necklace," has Madame Loisel become a more sympathetic character or a less sympathetic character? Support your opinion with two story details or examples.

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9. In "The Necklace," Madame Loisel might have explained the loss of the necklace to her friend before replacing it. How might such an explanation have changed the Loisels' lives? Explain.

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