

I. Questions for the analysis of The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant (first reading)

1. Who are the characters? Brief description.
2. Is the title symbolic/literal or both?
3. When and where does the story take place?
4. How much time passes from the beginning to the end of the story?
5. What is the mood that prevails in the story?
6. What is the conflict of the story?
7. Describe Mathilde's conflict and feelings.
8. What clues, if any, anticipate how the story will end?
9. How does the story end?
10. Explain the theme of the story.

1a) Mathilde: She is the protagonist, she felt bad because she never had a beautiful dress. Also, she wanted jewelry to feel good, her friend gave her one, but she lost it and paid 10 years to buy her friend the same one.

1b) Husband: The husband always pleased Mathilde with all she wanted. He also helped her a lot.

1c) Madame Loisel: Friend of Mathilde, she gave Mathilde the necklace.

2) The title is literal because the story is about a necklace that was lost and thanks to that necklace Mathilde learned since she had to work a lot, the moral of this story is thanks to the necklace, that is why the story is literal.

3) The story takes place in Paris, in the late 1800s.

4) The time that passed from the beginning to the end of the story was 10 years.

5) The mood that mood that prevails is a mood is a little tense.

6) Mathilde wanted to look great but didn't have the dress and his husband buys it to her. Also, she wanted jewelry, and her friend gave her one necklace that later she loses it, she worked 10 years to buy her friend a new one. The conflict is the loss of the necklace.

7) Mathilde conflict is that she wanted to look great and don't look like a poor woman around another woman. And her feelings were also the same, but with the loss of the necklace her friend she, she learned a lot and her feelings change.

8) The only clue was when she lost the necklace and were searching for a look alike one.

9) The story end with Mathilde and her friend meeting up again after 10 years, Mathilde told her what happened and give her friend the necklace, and Forestier told her that the necklace wasn't real.

10) The theme of the story "the necklace" means that vanity and all that stuff to want to look good in public is not always good.