

THE NECKLACE

1.What changes came into the lives of the Loisels after borrowing money?

Answer: hintsThey had to do away with their maid, Matilda had to work at a house and to do all the domestic chores, had to carry down the refuse to the street and carry water upstairs. She had to do all the shopping at the market after a lot of bargaining. ,Her husband also had to work hard.

2. Why could Mrs. Forestier not recognize her friend Matilda at the end of the story?

Answer: hints Matilda had to work very hard for a long time to lead her life. She had to work hard to pay for Mrs. Forestier's lost necklace. She had started looking old. One Sunday evening, when she was taking a walk at Champs Elysees, she met Mrs. Forestier who still looked young and pretty.

3. Draw the character-sketch of Matilda.

Answer: hints Matilda was exceptionally pretty. good looking, felt that she was born for all delicacies and luxuries. wished to be admired and loved and to be married to some rich or renowned person, dreamy, ambitious, vain natured, brave and honest.

4. Mme Forestier proved to be a true friend. Elucidate.

Answer: hints Mme Forestier turns out to be an interesting character, plays a very vital role in the story, As helps Matilda in the hour of her need. When Mme Loisel needs to borrow jewels, she turns to Mme Forestier. Mme Forestier does not refuse. Displaying her generosity, she opens up the entire array of her jewels for Matilda to choose from. Also, she is considerate when Loisel's delay the return of the necklace, Without hesitation, she reveals to Matilda that her necklace was just a fake.

5. Do you think the story is aptly titled? Justify your answer.

Answer: hints. The 'necklace' has been lost and the Loisels fall into a tremendous debt. They spend the next ten years of their life in paying debt for the replacement of the lost necklace. Their entire life moves around impoverished everyday saga of misery and hunger and the necklace, in fact, changes the very course of their life. Also, it is against the backdrop of the necklace that Matilda's pride and dishonesty are highlighted. At the same time, the necklace serves a twist at the end as it turns out to be a fake one.

6. What did Loisel do to replace the necklace?

Answer: hints The couple needed thirty-six thousand francs to purchase a diamond necklace and return it to Mrs. Forestier, Mr. Loisel had only eighteen thousand francs, raised a loan of eighteen thousand francs, Loisel and his wife worked hard, changed their lodgings. They shifted to a small room. They dismissed their maid. Mrs. Loisel did all her household work herself. She had to be very frugal in her purchases. She bargained for small amounts. Mr. Loisel did extra work in the evenings sometimes late at night. He did the work of copying manuscripts. After ten years of hard work, they were able to pay off their debt but because of hard work and misery, Mrs. Loisel looked old.

7. What was the cause of Matilda's ruin?

Answer: hints Matilda's pride and her materialistic aspirations coupled with her dishonesty paved the way for her ruin.

8. What new problem now disturbed Madam Loisel?

Answer: hints she did not have a new and proper dress for the ball, did not have any jewellery for the occasion.