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Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (Due): \_\_\_\_\_

*The Necklace, Guy De Maupassant, Worksheet*

**Previewing Texts**

1. Preview the text by looking at the pictures and reading the captions. What do you predict this story will be about?

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2. Fill out the first two boxes of the K-W- L Chart below. Write down what you know about the topic in Box #1. Write down what you want to find out in Box #2. When you finish reading the story, write what you learned or discovered in Box#3.

What I <b>KNOW</b> now Box #1	What I <b>WANT</b> to find out Box #2	What I <b>LEARNED</b> Box #3
1. Necklaces tend to be expensive.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.

**Questions For Thought**

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Be sure to proofread your answers and be prepared to share.

1. What social rank does the protagonist belong to?

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2. Why does the protagonist "grieve incessantly?"

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3. What are some of the things that the protagonist dreams of?

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4. Why does the protagonist no longer visit her classmate from her old school days? What does this tell you about her?

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5. What does the protagonist's husband have with him when he gets home?

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6. Why does the protagonist scornfully toss aside the invitation to the reception?

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7. How does the protagonist treat her husband?

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8. What was Mathilde's husband saving up his money to buy? What does he decide to do with his savings?

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9. In addition to having a nice outfit, what did Mathilde want in order to make her appearance complete?

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10. Who does Mathilde turn to in order to borrow some jewelry?

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11. What does Mathilde choose to borrow?

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12. How does Mathilde act when she is at the reception? Why does she now have so much confidence?

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13. How does Mathilde react when her husband puts her wraps over her shoulders? What does this reveal about her character?

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14. What excuse do Mathilde and her husband come up with for not being able to return the necklace the next day?

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15. Why is it ironic that Mathilde ends up having to do heavy housework and chores?

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16. How long did it take to pay for the necklace?

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17. Explain the irony in the story's outcome.

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**Literary Focus**

Directions: Answer the following questions about the following literary terms.

1. What is *conflict*? What is the main *conflict* that drives the plot?

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2. What is *characterization*? How might the reader *characterize* Mathilde?

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3. What is *motivation*? How does Mathilde's *motivation* change throughout the story?

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4. What is *theme*? What lesson do you suppose we can learn from the story?

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<b>Critical Thinking</b>
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**Directions:** Mathilde and her husband had to endure a great deal of hardship and suffering in order to pay for the missing necklace. Do you think that in the end Mathilde learned to be satisfied with what she had or do you think that she became even more envious of those who are wealthy? Provide support for your answer.

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