

## ETNY's Post-performance Activity

### The Necklace

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#### Vocabulary

**1.1** What is the meaning of the following words in the context in which they appear:

- a) Clerks
- b) Dowry
- c) Gallantries
- d) Inscrutable
- e) Resentfully
- f) Whole
- g) Usurers

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

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**1.3** Describe Mme Loisel's reaction on reading the invitation. \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.4** Why had M. Loisel been saving 400 Francs? \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.5** Compare and contrast the life of Mme Lebrun before and after the disappearance of the necklace. \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.6** Why was Mme Loisel anxious to hurry away from the ball? \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.7** What efforts were made to find Mme Forestier's necklace? \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.8** Describe in your own words how the Loiseles' life changed after they had paid for the new necklace. \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.9** How did Mme Forestier recognize Mme Loisel when they met in the Champs-Elysees?

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**1.10** What was Mme Forestier's reaction when the necklace was returned?

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## inferential

Always give reasons for your answers.

**2.1** Do you think Mme Loisel recognized good quality jewelry? \_\_\_\_\_

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**2.2** Why was Mathilde unhappy with her life at the opening of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

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**2.3** Do you think M. Loisel enjoyed the ball? \_\_\_\_\_

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**2.4** Why were the Loiseles allowed to buy the new necklace for less than the asking price? \_\_\_\_\_

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**2.5** Why do you think Mme Forestier never contacted Mme Loiser after the 'return' of her necklace? \_\_\_\_\_

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**2.6** Do you think M. Loisel was content with his life before the ball took place? \_\_\_\_\_

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**2.7** How did M. Loisel contribute to the cost of the new necklace? \_\_\_\_\_

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### evaluative

**3.1** Write a different end to the story, assuming that *either* Mme Loisel never lost the necklace or that she found the necklace. \_\_\_\_\_

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**3.2** Do you think it would be easier for a young, married woman to fulfill her dreams today?

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**3.3** Discuss whether the Loisels chose the right course of action when they found the necklace was missing? What other choices were open to them and why were these not chosen? \_\_\_\_\_

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**3.4** Do you think there is a moral to this story? \_\_\_\_\_

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