

"The Diamond Necklace" Questions

These questions of meaning are potentially open to more than one interpretation. Support your answers by reference to evidence in the text. All answers should be written using complete sentences and free from grammatical errors.

1. Is Madame Forestier happy to lend Madame Loisel a necklace? Why or why not? (2 marks)
2. Is Madame Loisel a victim of fate, denied what is essential to her happiness, or a vain, selfish woman? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)
3. Has Madame Loisel "married beneath her"? Why or why not? (2 marks)
4. What do you suppose is the remorse each character feels when they realize the necklace is lost? Is it the same remorse for each one? (4 marks)
5. Is Monsieur Loisel an admirable man who sacrifices his own desires out of love for his wife, or is he a weak man easily manipulated by her? Use textual evidence as support (2 marks)
6. Is Monsieur Loisel as vain as his wife? Why or why not? (2 marks)
7. Does Madame Loisel's character (not her physical condition) change from the beginning to the end of the story? If so, how does her personality change? (3 marks)
8. Are we readers meant to admire either M. or Mme. Loisel? (1 mark)
9. Who is more at fault for the difficulties in which they find themselves, M. or Mme. Loisel? Explain your opinion. (2 marks)
10. Are the Loisels "ruined" or "saved" by the loss of the necklace? Why do you think so? (2 marks)

Total Marks: /22