

# *“The Necklace”*

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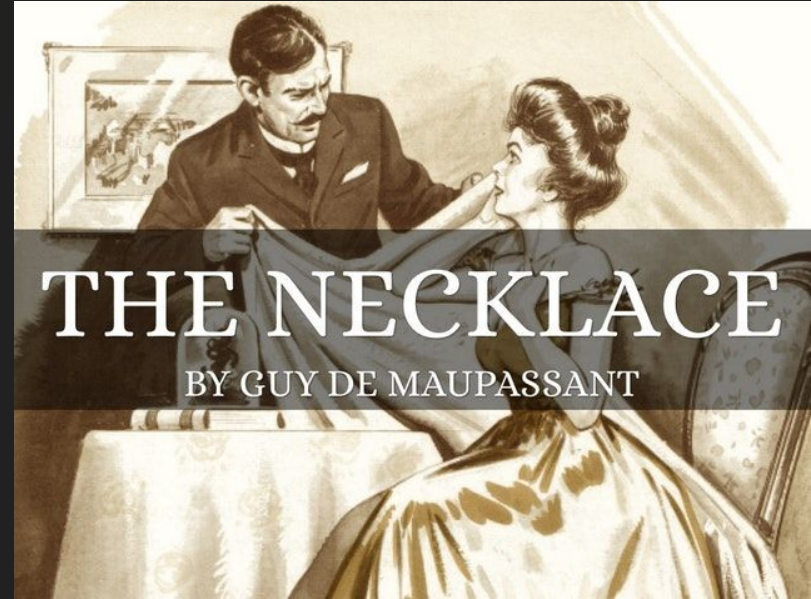


1884

*France*

## READING TIPS

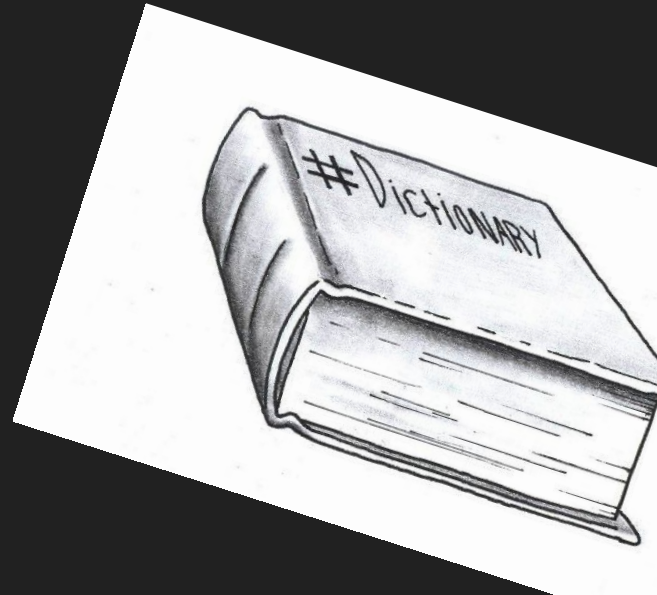
- Franc (currency in France) is similar to the dollar
  - Mine. is similar to Mr.
  - Mme. is similar to Mrs.



# *Annotation Assignment*

As you read “The Necklace,” make annotations on your story. You will turn this in for points on Thursday. Focus on the following strategies:

- 3-5 word summaries
- Circle and define words you don’t know



# *What happens in the story?*

*Use your annotations to help you recap what happened in the story.*

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### EXPOSITION



Set in Paris, France in 1880. A young middle-class woman dreams of a lifestyle far beyond her reach. One day, her husband comes home with tickets to attend a very affluent party, and she is excited to attend, but upset that she will look dowdy.

### CONFLICT



Mathilde Loisel is not wealthy yet she dreams to be. Her husband gives her money to buy a dress, but she is not satisfied until she asks a wealthy friend for a necklace to borrow.

### RISING ACTION



At the ball, Mme. Loisel is a hit, but the necklace goes missing. After days of searching, she and her husband decide to replace it with a one that looks identical. The replacement cost more money than they make, and it takes them ten years to pay it off.

### CLIMAX



After ten years of hard work and struggles, the couple pays off all their debts.

### FALLING ACTION



One day Mathilde is walking to the market and sees the friend that she borrowed the necklace from. She decides to tell her what happened.

### RESOLUTION



The friend Mme. Forestier, tells Mathilde that the necklace was "false", a fake. The reader is left contemplating the irony of the situation.





**THE GRASS  
IS ALWAYS  
GREENER  
ON THE  
OTHER SIDE**

What is the best way to deal with the loss of a borrowed item?



# *Big Question*

Can one incident really change the course of a person's life?