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**As a group, discuss the following questions about Guy de Maupassant’s short story “The Necklace.” Then, construct a well-developed, written response to each question based on your group’s discussion using specific examples from the text to support your group’s answer.**

1. What choices does Madame Loisel make in order to gain status?

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1. What were your initial predictions about the story’s ending? Were you surprised by the actual ending?

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1. Why is Madame Loisel unhappy at the beginning of the story? How does her husband try to make her happy? What is her reaction to his efforts?

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1. Why do you think the Loisel’s didn’t just tell Mme. Forestier the truth about the necklace? What motivated them to go into terrible debt?

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1. Do you think Madame Loisel has changed by the end of the story? If so, how?

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1. Explain one example of irony in the short story.

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1. Did Madame Loisel deserve the punishment she received? Why or why not?

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1. Did Madame Loisel’s husband deserve to suffer the same fate as his wife? Why or why not?

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