

❖ **TITLE:** “The Necklace”

❖ **AUTHOR:** Guy de Maupassant

❖ **SETTING** (Time and Place): Paris, France Loisel’s apartment, party at the Ministry of Education’s Mansion.

❖ **CHARACTERS**

- Madame Loisel - selfish (beautiful, charming, middle class, spoiled)→→aged quickly, heavy rough, harsh, poor
- Monsieur Loisel- kind, generous, loyal hard-working, clerk for Ministry of Education, wants to please wife, middle class
- Madame Forestier - kind, generous, wealthy, snobby

❖ **Point Of View**

- *This short story is told from the 3rd person limited point of view. The author focuses on Mme. Loisel’s thoughts and feelings.*

❖ **Symbols**

- Necklace = greed/desire for what one cannot have, differences in social classes, dishonesty, Mme. L’s ‘fakeness’ or want of material things

❖ **Irony**

- Mme. L borrows a necklace to fit in with the rich people she envies, but the loss of the necklace results in her being poorer than she was.

❖ **THEME**

- People should be happy with what they have.
- You may pay a terrible price for greed and desire (Mme. L’s fatal flaw, her desire for material things, her ‘fakeness’ just like the necklace)

**Author: Guy de Maupassant**

Considered the greatest French short story writer

Born in an upper-middle class family in France

The family ran out off money and Maupassant was forced into work as a government clerk

Through his writing he was able to gain some wealth and success

Maupassant dies in a Paris asylum at the age of 42

