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The Necklace

1. Should Mathilde have borrowed something which she could not afford to replace?

Why do you think she borrowed the necklace?

Would you have borrowed it? _____ Explain.

2. Suppose the necklace had been real. Do you think Madame Forestier would have lent it to Mathilde? Explain.

Would you have lent it? _____ Explain.

3. Why didn't Mathilde tell Mme. Forestier that she'd lost the necklace?

Would you have told?

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4. If the necklace had been real, do you think Mathilde was obligated to replace it? Explain.

Would you have replaced it willingly? _____

5. Have you ever lost or broken something that didn't belong to you? If so, what did you do about it?

6. The Necklace is a famous short story by an important French writer. What is the moral (lesson) of the story?

7. **Irony** is when something turns out totally different than what is expected. Maupassant's stories are noted for their irony—the endings have a surprise twist to them. What is the irony in The Necklace?