

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature

Revision Notes

Chapter 7

The necklace

1. Mathilde Loisel aspires to the wealth and prestige of the upper classes, and is frustrated by her lower-middle-class husband and plain surroundings.
2. Her husband finagles an invitation to one of the wealthy parties Mathilde longs to attend, and when Mathilde refuses, saying she has nothing to wear, he helps her purchase an expensive dress.
3. Mathilde is frustrated by her lack of jewelry; she borrows an extravagant diamond necklace from her friend Madame Forestier.
4. Mathilde has a wonderful time at the party, but afterward discovers the diamond necklace is lost. The couple spend their inheritance and take out loans to replace it.
5. After years living in penury and debt that ruin Mathilde's looks, Mathilde runs into Madame Forestier, to whom she confesses the whole story; Madame Forestier, deeply moved, tells her the necklace was a fake.