**“The Necklace” Questions**

*Directions: Answer the first four questions using complete sentences. Then, select* ***one*** *of the remaining four to answer.*

1. Did Mathilde Loisel deserve the punishment she received? Explain your answer.

2. Some readers believe that the ten years of hard work changed Mathilde’s spoiled nature and made her a better person. Give two pieces of evidence that support this position.

3. Other readers argue that, although Mathilde matured during this time, she wasn’t completely transformed. Give two pieces of evidence from the end of the story that show Mathilde is still not a completely mature person.

4. To what degree is Mr. Loisel also to blame for the misery he endures. Dig deep into your analysis of this character.

5. Give two examples of alliteration from the story. Write down the full sentences in which the alliterative elements exist.

6. The story’s ironic ending is part of what makes this tale so famous. The author, however, gives a few hints about the tragic twist. Look back over the story and find an element of foreshadowing. Paraphrase this element of the story and then explain why you believe it is a good example of foreshadowing.

7. Closely examine the passage at Madame Forestier’s house when Mathilde discovers and borrows the necklace. What symbolic elements are being used here by the author? Explain.

8. Give two examples of personification from the story. Write down the full sentences in which the personified elements exist.