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THE NECKLACE
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Madame Loisel, born into a family of clerks, felt constantly out of place in her modest life. She yearned for elegance, beautiful clothes, and a luxurious existence. One day, her husband, a kind but ordinary clerk, presented her with an invitation to a prestigious ball hosted by his employer. Dismayed by the lack of a suitable dress, she borrowed a magnificent diamond necklace from a wealthy friend.

At the ball, Madame Loisel transformed. The necklace sparkled, turning heads and making her feel like royalty. Lost in the illusion, she danced late into the night. However, disaster struck as they departed. The borrowed necklace was gone! They searched frantically but found nothing. Devastated, they confessed to their friend, vowing to replace the priceless jewel.

Years of relentless work followed. They took on extra jobs, scrimped on every expense, and endured hardships. Finally, they saved enough to buy a similar diamond necklace. Returning it, they faced their friend's surprised indifference, unaware she had gifted them a costume jewelry replica.

The ordeal had aged Madame Loisel. Her beauty faded, replaced by the harsh lines of toil. Yet, a bitter truth dawned on her. The life she craved had been an illusion. The true value resided not in possessions, but in the love and security she had with her husband. The story ends with a poignant realization: "One suffers so horribly in life for things that are not worth the bother."

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Fill in the bank the correct answer

1. Madame Loisel felt out of place because she was born into a family of _____ (clerks/nobles).
2. Her husband presented her with an invitation to a prestigious _____ (ball/dinner party).
3. Dismayed by the lack of a suitable dress, she borrowed a magnificent diamond _____ (necklace/bracelet) from a friend.
4. After losing the necklace, Madame Loisel and her husband replaced it through years of _____ (hard work/leisure).
5. The story ends with Madame Loisel realizing the true value lies in _____ (possessions/love and security).

YES OR NO

1. Was Madame Loisel happy with her life before the invitation to the ball? (No/Yes)
2. Did Madame Loisel borrow a necklace from a friend? (No/Yes)
3. Did Madame Loisel lose the borrowed necklace? (Yes/No)
4. Did Madame Loisel and her husband live a luxurious life after replacing the necklace? (yes/No)
5. Does the story end with Madame Loisel feeling content? (yes/ No)

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