

# Pre-Work Assignment:

## *Character Morals and Values in "The Necklace"*

### Understanding Morals vs. Values

**Values** are your deeply held beliefs about what is important, good, or desirable in life. They guide your priorities and what you care about most. Think of them as your internal compass.

- Examples: beauty, wealth, family, honesty, hard work, education, friendship, success, security, freedom

**Morals** are your beliefs about what is right and wrong behavior. They are the rules you follow based on your values. Think of them as your code of conduct.

- Examples: "It's wrong to steal," "I should help others in need," "Hard work deserves reward," "I must keep my promises," "Lying is acceptable to protect someone's feelings"

**The Connection:** Your values create your morals, which drive your behaviors.

- If you value honesty → your moral code says "lying is wrong" → you behave truthfully
- If you value beauty and status → your moral code might say "I deserve nice things" → you behave in ways to obtain luxury

### Your Assignment:

1. Read "The Necklace" carefully
2. Complete the chart on the next page for each main character (Mathilde, Monsieur Loisel, Madame Forestier) with the following information.
  - **Values** (what they care about most)
  - **Morals** (their beliefs about right/wrong)
  - **External Evidence** (specific actions, words, or decisions that show these values/morals)
3. Pay special attention to how characters' values and morals change or stay the same throughout the story

<b>Character</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Morals</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
<b>Mathilde</b>			
<b>Monsieur Loisel</b>			
<b>Madame Forestier</b>			