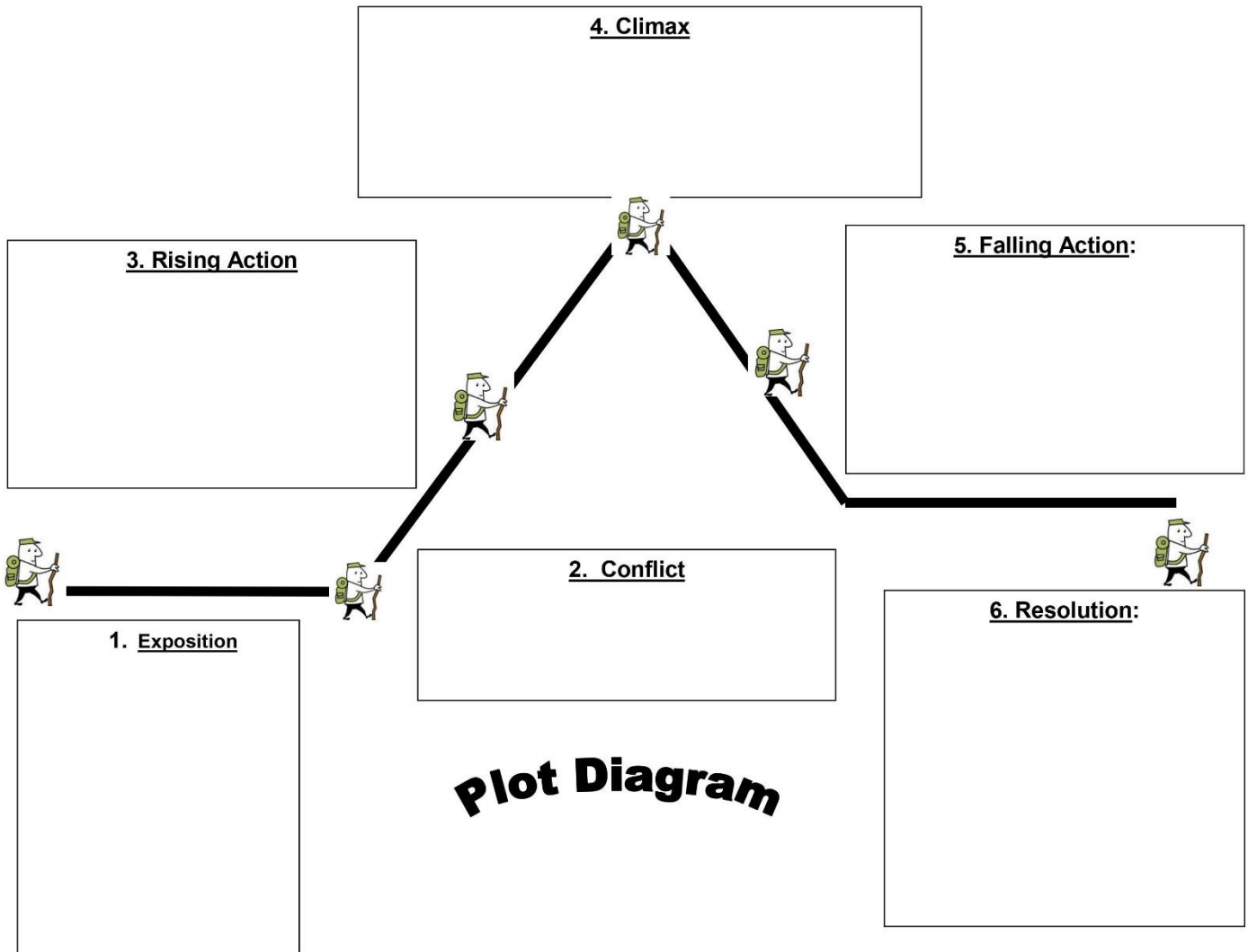


“The Necklace”

Reading Analysis.

Complete the Plot diagram below, write one sentence to define each element in the story.



Close and Critical Reading.

- Highlight & Label: phrases from the text that **compare and contrast** the lifestyle that Madame Loisel desires with one her husband prefers.
- Highlight & Label: phrases from the text which suggest that Monsieur Loisel is a thoughtful husband who desperately tries to please his wife.
- Highlight & Label: phrases from the text which illustrate Madame Loisel as spoiled and self-indulgent.
- Highlight & Label: phrases from the text which illustrate that Monsieur Loisel is an honorable man.
- Highlight & Label: lines from the text that provide evidence that Madame Loisel is a **dynamic character**.
- Highlight & Label: THE line from the text that features the **stated theme**.
- Highlight & Label: the most prominent example of **irony** in the text.
- Highlight & Label: lines from the text that support the following **theme**: appearance can be deceiving.
- Highlight & Label: lines from the text that support the following **theme**: if you spend your life only yearning for what you do not have, you will never be able appreciate what you already do.

Answer the questions below using complete sentences. Any response that is not a complete sentence will not be accepted for points.

1. As the story begins, why is Madame Loisel so unhappy with her life?
2. Re-read your response to question #1. Do you think the author wants readers to sympathize with her unhappiness at this time? Why or why not? Note: You must support your answer with textual evidence.
3. Why had Madame Loisel avoided visiting her wealthy friend Madame Forester? Why is she happy when her husband suggest that she pay her a visit?
4. Re-read your response to question #3. What does this suggest about her character?
5. What symbolic meaning does the necklace have for Madame Loisel when she wears it?
6. How does Madame Loisel chance over the ten years she works to pay off the cost of the necklace?
7. In the end, is Madame Loisel a static or dynamic character? What actually causes her to change? Explain.
8. How is the ending of the story ironic or surprising?