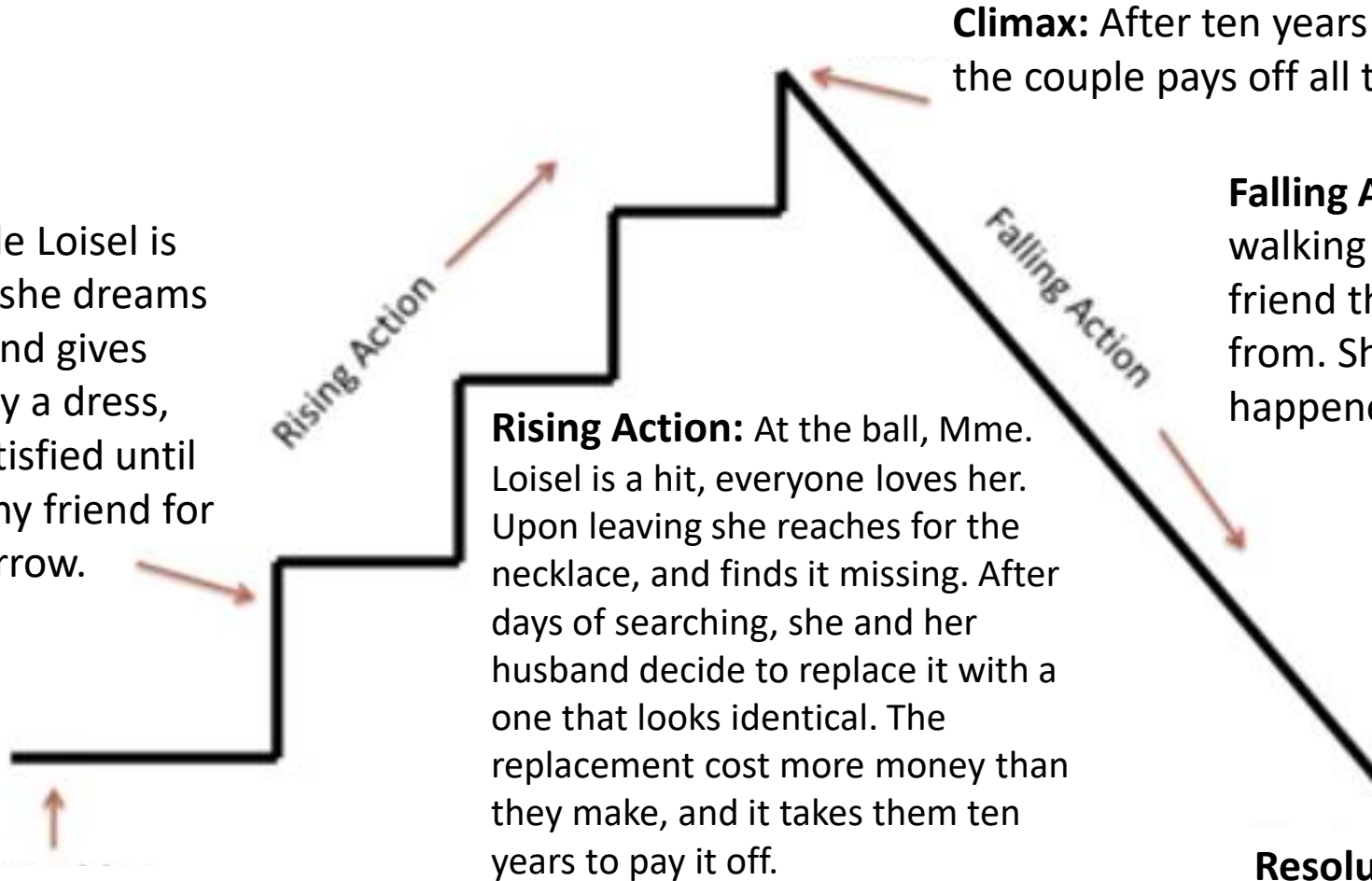


“The Necklace” Plot Diagram

Conflict: Mathilde Loisel is not wealthy, yet she dreams to be. Her husband gives her money to buy a dress, but she is not satisfied until she asks a wealthy friend for a necklace to borrow.



Climax: After ten years of hard work and struggles, the couple pays off all their debts.

Rising Action: At the ball, Mme. Loisel is a hit, everyone loves her. Upon leaving she reaches for the necklace, and finds it missing. After days of searching, she and her husband decide to replace it with a one that looks identical. The replacement cost more money than they make, and it takes them ten years to pay it off.

Falling Action: One day Mathilde is walking to the market and sees the friend that she borrowed the necklace from. She decides to tell her what happened.

Resolution: The friend Mme. Forestier, tells Mathilde that the necklace was “false”, a fake. The reader is left contemplating the irony of the situation.

Exposition: Set in Paris, France in 1880. A young middle-class woman dreams of a lifestyle far beyond her reach. One day, her husband comes home with tickets to attend a very affluent party, and she is excited to attend, but upset that she will look dowdy.