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# Drawing Conclusions

Who or what is to blame for Matilda's suffering in *The Necklace*? Use the chart below to draw a conclusion about the cause or causes of her misery.

**Directions:** In the boxes below, we've provided some of the persons or influences that could be the cause of Matilda's suffering, as well as some of the reasons. Complete the chart by filling in the missing elements, based on evidence from the play.

<p><b>Matilda is to blame for her own suffering.</b></p> <p>Reason 1: <i>She was unwilling to go to the ball without jewelry.</i></p> <p>Reason 2:</p> <p>Reason 3:</p>	<p><b>Society is to blame for Matilda's suffering.</b></p> <p>Reason 1: <i>She lives in a society in which wealth is highly prized.</i></p> <p>Reason 2:</p> <p>Reason 3:</p>
<p><b>Fate is to blame for Matilda's suffering.</b></p> <p>Reason 1:</p> <p>Reason 2:</p> <p>Reason 3:</p>	<p>_____ is to blame for Matilda's suffering.</p> <p>Reason 1:</p> <p>Reason 2:</p> <p>Reason 3:</p>

**Evaluate the information:** Now that you've found reasons each person or other influence could be held responsible, take a look at the evidence. Which set of reasons is most compelling and most valid? Who or what do you blame for Matilda's plight? Use your conclusion to respond to the writing prompt on page 16 of the January 2015 issue of *Scope*.