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The Scarlet Letter – Chapter 6 – Pearl

Answer the following questions to track Pearl's progressive symbolic meaning. Use complete sentences and thorough explanation to answer each question fully.

1 pnt

1. How does the imagery that Hawthorne uses in the first few sentences affect the reader's impression of Pearl?

1 pnt

2. What significance does Hawthorne's imagery give to Pearl's symbolism?

2 pnts

3. Why does Hester name her daughter Pearl? How does Pearl's name add to her symbolism?

1 pnt

4. Even though Pearl is referred to as a gift from God, how does Hester view her and why?

2 pnts

5. How does Hester dress Pearl? How does this add to her symbolism?

1 pnt

6. Explain how Pearl's character traits connect her to the scarlet letter?

1_pnt 7. What does Pearl's reaction to Hester's discipline show about her Pearl's character?

1_pnt 8. How does Hawthorne claim Pearl is different from other children?

1_pnt 9. How does Pearl deal with her social status and how does this add to her symbolism?

1_pnt 10. How do Pearl's childhood activities and games show her world view?

2_pnts 11. What was Pearl's initial reaction to the scarlet letter when she was a baby? What does Pearl's reaction symbolize?

2_pnts 12. After discussing your impressions of Pearl with your group, write a 5 sentence explanation about what role you think Pearl will play in the story.