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The Scarlet Letter - Reading Notes

32 points total

Chapters 13 - 17 “Another View of Hester” – “The Pastor and His Parishioner”

There are a number of themes and topics that run throughout *The Scarlet Letter*, some of the ideas we will follow and discuss are: the relationship between identity & society, nature & society, morality & hypocrisy, guilt & the human condition, compassion & forgiveness, justice & judgement, and the relationship between knowledge and the nature of evil. These are not the only concepts found in the novel or the only ones we will discuss, however, you should be looking for and identifying these ideas as they arise through the reading.

For each section of the book you must consider the topics above as well as, Hawthorne's style of writing (providing a quote and an explanation of the effect it creates), a main idea or theme (message about a topic) that stands out from the section (providing a quote and an explanation of its significance), personal connections (ideas and examples that stand out and remind you of books, movies, situations from your own life), and points of interest (questions and concepts that are significant to the story and character development). For each section of the notes make sure to have a quote *with page numbers*, and a minimum three sentence explanation addressing the significance of the quote and how it addresses the topic. The commentary will be analyzed and scored based on the Reading Notes Rubric you received. Since the reading sections are longer, you should have a separate quote for each category.

Elements & Effect

Think the basic elements of style (syntax, diction, grammar, sentence types, figurative language), address a stylistic choice Hawthorne makes in the section and explain the effect that the choice creates for the reader. (EE) +8 points (quote/pg# , explanation +4)

1st – quote & explanation:

2nd – quote & explanation:

Theme & Purpose:

Explain a theme (an author's message about a particular topic) that stands out from the reading section. (TP) +8points (quote/pg#, explanation +4)

1st – quote & explanation:

2nd – quote & explanation:

Personal Connection:

Explain a Personal Connection (ideas or examples from the text that remind you of another book, movie or situation that you feel strongly about) that stand out from the reading section.

(PC) +4 points (quote/pg# +1, explanation +4) quote & explanation:

Points of Interest: Answer all of the questions below. Provide a quote with pg.#

● Provide at least 2 examples to explain how Hawthorne develops Hester and Chillingworth's relationship in chapter 14. (quote needed) +4 points

● Identify recurring imagery that Hawthorne uses in chapter 16 and explain Hawthorne's purpose for his use of imagery. (quote needed) +4 points

● How does Hawthorne use the interactions of the characters to give meaning to the setting of chapters 16 and 17? At least 2 examples. (quote needed) +4 points