

NOTE: WRITE GOOD TEST qUESTIONS AND I MIGHT ASK YOURS

REVIEW THESE. I (MR. ISOM) ADDED SOME OF MY OWN

Scarlet Letter Study Guide

Divide into groups choose two of the first 12 chapters. Then. . .

Write three quiz questions for each of your chapters

WRITE ANSWERS, TOO

Chapters

1

- Identify the speaker of the quote (there is no dialogue in chapter 1, so we did another multiple choice)

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What plant stood out near the prison door?

- A. An old oak tree
- B. A rosebush**
- C. An Apple Peru plant
- D. Pigweed

- Short answer

What does the rosebush symbolize?

The rosebush symbolizes individualism and hope (answers may vary)

Where were the townspeople gathered?

- A. The chapel
- B. The prison**
- C. The graveyard
- D. The town square

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- Identify the speaker of the quote (No important speakers / speakers with names).

What was the Reverend's name?

- A. Parris
- B. Winthrop
- C. Hawthorne
- D. Dimmesdale**

What is the significance of the scarlet letter?

To ostracise / shun the wearer for committing a sin (answers may vary).

What letter was the scarlet letter?

- A. B
- B. P
- C. A**
- D. L

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- “Woman, transgress not beyond the limits of Heaven’s mercy!”
 - **Answer: Reverend Wilson**
- I pray you, good sir, who is this woman? - and wherefore is she here set up to public shame?” ANSWER - **Chillingworth**
- What group of people captured Chillingworth?
 - **Answer: The Native Americans**
- What do the townsfolk think happened to Hester’s husband? ANSWER - **He is dead in the bottom of the sea.**
- How long has Hester Prynne been sentenced to stand on the podium of shame?
 - A. 1 hour
 - B. 2 hours
 - C. 3 hours**
 - D. 4 hours
- Who was Chillingworth’s companion when he first appeared in the settlement?
 - An Indian
 - An Englishman
 - A German
 - A Commoner

ANSWER - An Indian

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- “Mine was the first wrong, when I betrayed thy budding youth into a false and unnatural relation with my decay.”
ANSWER? **Chillingworth**
- What is Chillingworth’s occupation?
 - A minister
 - A farmer

- A physician
- A judge
- **ANSWER - A physician**
- Why did Chillingworth go find Hester in the prison?

ANSWER - In hopes Hester would answer his questions and find out who the father of her child was.

- What does Hester call Chillingworth, in reference to her speculation of him being the devil?
 - A. The "Red Devil"
 - B. The "Fallen Angel"
 - C. The "Black Man"
 - D. "Satan"

ANSWER - C. The "Black Man"

Why did Hawthorne choose the color black?

- What does Chillingworth give Hester that she thinks might be meant to poison her?
Answer - A potion that is meant to . . . (?)

- Who said, "Wouldst thou avenge thyself on the innocent babe?"
Answer - **Hester**

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- Identify the speaker of the quote
 - "What evil thing is at hand?" -Hester
- Short answer
 - **What is the symbolism behind the soil on which Hester lives being Infertile?**
- Multiple-choice

What was considered taboo for Hester to sew?

- A: Baby clothes
- B: Mens suits
- C: Dreamcatchers
- **D: Wedding Veils--why?**

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- Identify the speaker of the quote
 - "I have no heavenly father!" - Pearl
- Short answer
 - **Why was Pearl viewed as a "Demon Offspring?" Answer?**

- Multiple-choice: What does Pearl do that angers Hester
 - A: Talks back too much
 - B: Eats the sand in the sandbox
 - **C: Plays with Hester's letter Why does she do this?**
 - D: Throws the Infertile soil in Hester's face

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- Identify the speaker of the quote
 "Come and look into this fair garden. It may be we shall see flowers there; more beautiful than we find in the woods." **Hester**
- What was the most important reason that Hester went to the Governor's mansion?
She was trying to convince the Governor that she could properly raise her child.
- When Hester looked at her reflection, what was the most prominent thing about her appearance?
 - a. Hair
 - b. Clothes
 - c. **Scarlet letter (correct)**
 - d. Beauty

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- "Canst thou tell me, my child, who made thee?" Mr. Wilson
- WHY DID HESTER GIVE PEARL THAT NAME?
- What was Hester's defense on keeping the child? **She said that God sent the child to her**

ANSWER?WHAT DEFENSE DOES DIMMESDALE GIVE? WHY DOES HE DO THIS?

- Why do the townspeople want to take Pearl from Hester?
 - a. They fear Hester is abusing Pearl
 - b. **The are concerned with Pearls moral upbringing (correct)**
 - c. They are worried cannot support Pearl financially
 - d. They resent her

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- "Good men ever interpret themselves too meanly" - Chillingworth
- Why is Pearl considered a "blessing and a curse"? - Because she was the only good thing that came from Hester and as well a "demon child".
- Multiple-choice Dakota, Max

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- "Come away mother! Come away, or yonder old black man will catch you." - Pearl
- Chillingworth brought herbs to Dimsdale in hope of them healing him, Where did he find these Herbs? - an unmarked grave
- Multiple-choice Dakota, Max

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- “I, your pastor, whom you so reverence and trust, am utterly a pollution and a lie!”
a.Wilson b.Winthrop c.Pearl d.Dimmsdale

HOW DO THE TOWNSPEOPLE RESPOND TO THIS STATEMENT?

- What does the name of the chapter “The interior of a heart” reflect on the content and events in the chapter?

(Basically anything about him struggling in his **guilt emotionally and physically, his internal struggle**)

- Who appears in Dimmsdale’s dream/vision

a.Hester and Pearl b.Hester and Chillingworth c.Pearl and Wilson d.Chillingworth and Wilson

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- What did the Sexton find on the scaffold the next day?
a.A shoe b.A glove c.A hat d.A coat

ANSWER?

HOW DID THE GLOVE GET THERE? WHAT IS THE SEXTON’S ANSWER TO THAT?

- “It is done! The whole town will awake, and hurry forth, and find me here!”

a.Pearl b.Hester c.Dimmsdale d.Chillingworth

- Who joins Dimmesdale on the Scaffold and why were they around?

(Pearl and Hester-they were at the funeral and were also drawn there, extra credit if you know that it was Governor Winthrop who died)