

## The Scarlet Letter Journals

## Chapters 6-10

Complete the following. Each question should have a minimum of **7-10 sentences** for the answer and be supported by **specific details** from the novel. **Use direct quotes** from the novel as support. **\*\*ALL quotes need page numbers\*\***

Questions for Chapters 6-10: **\*\*\*\* Choose two (2)\*\*\*\*\***

1. What troublesome personality trait does Pearl have and how does Hester account for the aspects of Pearl's character that trouble/worry her?
2. What reasons (2) does the town have for wanting to take Pearl away from her mother? What questions/tests do they use to determine whether Pearl should be removed from her mother's care or not? Who supports her and how? What is Chillingworth interested in finding out?
3. Why do the townspeople think it a good idea that Dimmesdale and Chillingworth live together? What is the concern they have about Dimmesdale? Describe their lodgings in detail (what each man has for decorations) and what this tells you about their personalities.
4. Chillingworth and Dimmesdale have many, in-depth discussions. In Chapter 10, they discuss the need for confession. What is each man's view on confession? Are keeping secrets harmful? How has keeping secrets changed the main characters (both physically and mentally – Hester, Dimmesdale, Chillingworth).
5. Pearl sees things that no one else does. What does she notice about Chillingworth and Dimmesdale when she sees them together?
6. What causes Chillingworth to have "...a wild look of wonder, joy, and horror" at the end of Chapter 10? What do you think he saw? Using what you know about Chillingworth, will he tell or keep this new information a secret? Why or why not?

### Characterization:

Follow the four (4) main characters: Hester Prynne, Pearl, Roger Chillingworth and Arthur Dimmesdale. Find a **quote** that shows characterization or motivation for the character's actions. Look for specific words/descriptions/short passages that give a "picture" of each character (look for either a physical description or personality attributes)

**\*\*Explain** how the quote shows characterization.

**\*\*\*Have** any of these characters changed from the beginning 5 chapters? Focus on the change of their personalities and/or physical descriptions.

### Literary Skill:

Look for **three (3)** examples (**show with a quote**) of a literary skill such as: a symbol, personification, irony, metaphor, simile, allusion, alliteration or another type of figurative language. Then explain how the literary skill impacts the passage. Only three per section (Chapters 6-10) needed. Again, make sure you have a quote showing the skill.

### Theme:

A theme is a general concept or idea, such as love, justice, or sorrow. For each section, decide the theme for the section (ex. Chapters 6-10) and create a statement for it. For example – "Love conquers all" or "Secrets can eat away at the soul." After creating your theme, explain why your statement fits the novel.

**\*\*use quote(s) to support your theme statement.**

**\*\*Turn over**

## Quotes:

Find **three (3) quotes** from that novel that you felt were significant or held importance. Remember that a quote does not have to be what someone said – a direct quote means you took the phrase word-for-word. Include the speaker (narrator, Hester, Dimmesdale, Chillingworth, etc) and what page the quote was found on. After the quote, explain why you felt the quote was significant – why did you choose it? Why do you think that it is important? What kind of impact does the quote have on the reader?

**\*\*Remember to cite all quotes with page numbers from the novel\*\***