

Chapters 10 – 12

Comprehension Check

Directions: *As you read each chapter, answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper using complete sentences.*

Chapter 10

1. What is the topic of the conversation between Dimmesdale and Chillingworth that starts a fight between them?
2. What is Dimmesdale's position on the topic?
3. What does Pearl insinuate about Chillingworth when she playfully tells Hester that they should run away from the graveyard?
4. At the end of the chapter, what does Chillingworth do to Dimmesdale and what is his reaction to what he sees?
5. What do you think he sees?

Chapter 11

1. What is Chillingworth's new obsession and devotion?
2. What do the townspeople think of Dimmesdale?
3. What does Dimmesdale resolve to do, but never acts upon?
4. Aside from Chillingworth's deliberate torment, what causes Dimmesdale to be in constant agony?
5. What does Dimmesdale do at night when he is alone?

Chapter 12

1. Where does Dimmesdale go at the beginning of the chapter? What does he do there?
2. Why are the Rev. Wilson, Hester and Pearl, and Chillingworth out in the middle of the night?
3. What happens that makes it seem like mid-day in the middle of the night?
4. Why won't Pearl tell Dimmesdale who Chillingworth is?
5. What do the townspeople think the letter A in the previous night's sky meant?