

## **Chapters 13 – 15**

### **Comprehension Check**

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

#### **Chapter 13**

1. After Hester's encounter with Dimmesdale on the scaffold, what worries her and what does she resolve to do about it?
2. What do the townspeople believe that the A on Hester's chest has begun to stand for? Why?
3. How has the attitude of the townspeople changed toward Hester?
4. What physical and psychological changes has Hester undergone?
5. How did Pearl's birth save Hester?

#### **Chapter 14**

1. When Hester and Chillingworth first meet, what does he tell her he hears is being discussed among the members of the council?
2. How does Hester respond to this?
3. What physical changes does Hester notice as she looks at Chillingworth?
4. What does Hester tell Chillingworth she wants to do?
5. What is Chillingworth's response?
6. What do you think he means by, "Let the black flower blossom as it may!"

#### **Chapter 15**

1. What does Pearl do while Hester and Chillingworth speak?
2. What does Pearl say about why Hester wears the A? What is the connection that she makes?
3. What is Hester's dilemma about telling Pearl the true meaning behind the scarlet letter that she wears?
4. Why does Hester say she wears the A? What is significant about this?
5. What does Hester do when Pearl continues to pester her about the letter?