

Chapters 19 – 21

Comprehension Check

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

Chapter 19

1. Why does Pearl hesitate to return to her mother when she is called?
2. What does Pearl want Hester to do before she comes back to her?
3. Describe Pearl's actions upon returning to her mother.
4. What does Hester tell Pearl about Dimmesdale?
5. What does Pearl do after Dimmesdale kisses her? Why do you think she does this?

Chapter 20

1. What have Hester and Dimmesdale decided to do about their situation?
2. As Dimmesdale walks back through town, who does he encounter? What does Dimmesdale do or get the urge to do to each person? Why do you think Dimmesdale feels this way? Explain.
3. What does Mistress Hibbins tell Dimmesdale?
4. What does Dimmesdale tell Chillingworth when he gets back home?
5. What does Dimmesdale do that evening and all through the night?

Chapter 21

1. Describe Election Day and how it is celebrated.
2. What does Pearl ask Hester about Dimmesdale?
3. What observation does Pearl make about Dimmesdale's interaction with them?
4. What news does Hester receive just before the procession starts?
5. Who is staring and smiling at her ominously?