

Chapters 22 – 24

Comprehension Check

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

Chapter 22

1. How has Dimmesdale's appearance changed?
2. Describe the verbal interaction between Mistress Hibbins and Hester. What does Hibbins tell Pearl?
3. Where does Hester stand to listen to the sermon? Why?
4. What news does Hester receive during the sermon?
5. What does Hester realize while she is standing by the scaffold?

Chapter 23

1. What do the townspeople say about Dimmesdale's sermon?
2. What does Dimmesdale do instead of following the procession out? What happens?
3. What is Chillingworth's reaction to the scene?
4. What does Pearl do right before Dimmesdale dies? What happens as a result?
5. How do the townspeople initially react to what they witness?

Chapter 24

1. After a few days, what are the townspeople's different reactions to the scene that took place on Election Day?
2. What does Chillingworth do for Pearl after he dies?
3. What do Pearl and Hester do after Chillingworth dies?
4. Why does Hester come back to her cottage after being away for so long?
5. What becomes her new role in the community?
6. What do people assume happened to Pearl? What clues prove this?
7. Where is Hester buried?
8. What is significant about how she is buried in relation to her former lover?