

Chapters 7 – 9

Comprehension Check

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

Chapter 7

1. Why does Hester go to the Governor's house?
2. What does the author say is remarkable about Pearl and her clothes?
3. Who do Hester and Pearl encounter on their way to the Governor's house? What interaction takes place?
4. Briefly describe the Governor's hall.
5. What does Pearl want from the Governor's garden? What does she do when she doesn't get it? What stops her behavior?

Chapter 8

1. Who is with the Governor when he meets with Hester?
2. What does Mr. Wilson ask Pearl and what does she say?
3. Who speaks on behalf of Hester at the Governor's house? What does he say?
4. What does the Governor decide about letting Hester raise Pearl? Explain.
5. Who approaches Hester when she leaves the Governor's house and what does she say?

Chapter 9

1. What is Chillingworth's position in the community?
2. How has Dimmesdale's physical appearance changed?
3. To what does Chillingworth devote all his efforts?
4. What does the window at the home that Chillingworth and Dimmesdale share look out over?
5. What physical changes is Chillingworth going through?
6. What do the townspeople think is happening to Dimmesdale?