

DARKNESS



"...The wooden jail was already marked with weather-stains and other indications of age, which gave a yet darker aspect to its beetle-browed and gloomy front." pg. 43

"The sportive sunlight... withdrew itself as they came nigh... because they had hoped to find them bright."

"Mother..the sunshine does not love you. It runs away and hides itself, because it is afraid of something on your bosom." pg 148.

WEEDS



"... a grass-plot, much overgrown with burdock, pig-weed, apple-peru..."
(pg. 43)

"... Save these ugly weeds that have taken upon themselves to keep him in remembrance." (Pg 119)

Weeds represent the wild and reckless abandon that the events of the book have. Weeds, along with the transgressions of the story, are difficult to be controlled and blossom freely. Weeds are often tied to places of darkness and chaos such as the prison and the graveyard.

Market place



"Why, look you, she may cover it with a brooch as ever!" (p.47)
walk the streets as brave as

"... under the heavy weight of a thousand unrelenting eyes, all fastened upon her..." (p.52)

"... there is the woman of the scarlet letter..." and let us fling mud at them..." (p.93)

The marketplace is a symbol of public display and judgment.

The marketplace is no place for secrets, and they are all eventually exposed. The marketplace represents exposing all sins and all eyes looking to you when you commit a sin.

Forest



"How he haunts this forest... mother?" - 169

"He was now known... arrival." - 109-110

"The forest was obscure... come." - 180

The Forest is the place where Hester and her lover had sex. It's where she goes to escape the public eye so no one can judge her. Roger also stumbles out of the forest and he also visits there frequently to get things for his healing procedures.

The forest is where the secrets are held. To Hester, it is an escape from the reality that she lives in. It shows her what could have been if she

Light



quotes:

- "But, before Mr. Dimmesdale had done speaking, a light ... betwixt the sky and earth."
Pg. 140
- "The light lingered about the child ... to step into the magic circle too"

