

Scarlet Letter Chapters 13-15

Vocabulary:

- ❖ Requital
- ❖ Effluence
- ❖ Insurmountable
- ❖ Efficacy
- ❖ Verdure
- ❖ Nuptial
- ❖ Propensity
- ❖ Inimical
- ❖ Zealous

Allusions:

- ❖ “Sister of Mercy” (147)

Personification:

- ❖ Page 149: “It was all due in part to these causes....keep her a woman.” What is Hawthorne doing with personification in this sentence?

Questions:

1. Has your image of the power structure of the society/community depicted in this text changed at all from the beginning? Explain why or why not.
2. Describe the changes in Hester’s appearance and temperament that have come as a result of wearing the scarlet letter. Include an explanation of how her view of womanhood has changed.
3. What does Pearl make for herself out of grasses and seaweeds? What symbolic importance does this object have and how does it differ from the original?
4. What question does Pearl ask of her mother at the very end of chapter 15? What is the significance of this question?
5. For this set of chapters, create **two** level two questions.