

Chapter 13: “Another View of Hester” **Note: this chapter, to me, is one of the most important chapters in the whole novel! So read it particularly slowly and carefully!**

1. OK, first we learn that the town’s view of Hester has changed. *How* has the town’s view of Hester changed? (See pages 144-145.)

2. Next we learn that the scarlet letter has changed Hester *physically*. *How* has the scarlet letter changed Hester’s physical appearance? (See pages 146-147)

3. And next we learn that the scarlet letter has changed Hester mentally. How has the scarlet letter changed mentally or internally? What has she been thinking about lately? (See pages 147-150. Take your time. These are difficult but crucial pages!)

4. Finally, on page 149, the narrator will think about all of the above and determine that “The scarlet letter had not done its office” (149). In other words, the scarlet letter, according to the narrator, has NOT done what it was intended to do. What does the narrator mean? To answer the question, think first about what the letter was INTENDED to do to Hester, and then what the letter ACTUALLY did to Hester, according to THIS CHAPTER.
 - 4A. INTENDED EFFECT OF LETTER:

 - 4B. ACTUAL EFFECT/IMPACT OF LETTER:

 - 4C. .Why, given the above, does the narrator think that the scarlet letter has “not done its office”?

5. And last, one quick plot question. At the end of the chapter, what does Hester decide to do? Why?

Chapter 14: “Hester and the Physician”

1. What does Hester mean when she says that “It lies not in the pleasure of the magistrates to take off this badge [...] Were I worthy to be quit of it, it would fall away of its own nature” ? (152).
2. How has Chillingworth changed in the past seven years?
3. Quote at least one line here that directly associates Chillingworth with the devil. Cite the page number.
4. What does Hester want Chillingworth to do?
5. What revelation is Hester going to make to Dimmesdale?
6. What effect has Chillingworth had on Dimmesdale? Quote a line to support your answer and cite the page number.