

The Scarlet Letter

Exam Review



In order to be successful on this exam, here are, in brief, the things you will need to know:

1. All vocabulary terms from the novel.

2. The basic story arc of the novel.

How Hester received the Scarlet Letter
Why Dimmesdale could not confess
Why Chillingworth acted the way he did
Why Dimmesdale did, eventually, confess

3. How Hawthorne describes each of the following characters, what they did, and what they represent:

Hester Prynne	Mistress Hibbins
Pearl	Governor Bellingham
Arthur Dimmesdale	Governor Winthrop
Roger Chillingworth	

4. Each of the novel's major symbols and their application to the novel's themes and characters

The scarlet A - The woods/wilderness - Sunlight and shadow - The scaffold

5. What the author thought about Puritan society and how he displays his opinions.