

The Scarlet Letter | Extended Response #3 Questions

Directions: For each set of chapters, please respond to the question(s) in 1 well-developed paragraph. Your response should be at least 200 words (w/MLA formatting). **Make sure each paragraph starts with a persuasive topic sentence that makes a claim about how/why Hawthorne uses the literary element(s). Write one paragraph for each response below.** Use the ER checklist to proof your responses before turning them in.

Response A (Lit. Elements –Mood- one paragraph)

According to *Writers Inc.*, Mood is “the feeling a text arouses in the reader...” (258).

In these first few chapters of *The Scarlet Letter*, Hawthorne creates a somber mood, and the reader may feel a variety of negative or dark feelings.

In this extended response, explore the mood set in these first few chapters. What, if any, mood words did you find while reading? What was the purpose? Give at least two textual examples.

Response B (Choose 1)

Option #1 - (Lit. Element – Imagery)

“The function of imagery in literature is to generate a vibrant and graphic presentation of a scene that appeals to as many of the reader’s senses as possible. It aids the reader’s imagination to envision the characters and scenes in the literary piece clearly” (literarydevices.net).

In Chapter 7, Hawthorne uses colors to represent Pearl. What impression does this give you? Is his use of imagery effective? Find 1-2 other examples of imagery in these chapters and describe their effect. Make sure you include examples of the imagery with correct citations.

Option #2 - (Lit. Element – Symbolism & Theme)

You have been tracing several symbols throughout the novel. Choose one of those symbols and discuss how Hawthorne used it to help to develop one of the novels themes.

Remember, each response should include:

- € a strong, persuasive topic sentence (first sentence of response)
- € 2 properly integrated proofs
- € a clincher sentence to sum up the paragraph