

AP Language/Composition—Rumfelt
Reader's Journal Assignment
Chapters 21-24

In your final reader's journal for the book, you should examine **characters and symbolism** AND answer the following four questions in your final reader's journal for the Scarlet Letter. Use textual evidence to support your responses. Your response should be 2-3 pages long.

Chapter 21

Compare Hawthorne's description of Hester and Pearl's appearance. How is Pearl's personality connected to her mother's? Explain.

Chapter 22

How do each of the three groups, Puritans, Indians, and Mariners, view Pearl? Through this scene what is Hawthorne suggesting about nature and society? Explain.

Chapter 23

Why will Pearl now grow up accepting society instead of fighting it? Explain.

Chapter 24

How does Hawthorne tie up the threads of the story along very moralistic lines? Is the ending more romantic (in the literary sense) or realistic? Explain.