

Class Timeline Exemplar

This chapter introduces
adulteress Hester Prynne
and her punishment,
the letter "A" which
she must wear as well
as her child, Pearl.

The doctor, Chillingworth,
is Hester's husband, and
she agrees to keep his
identity a secret.

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The prison is described
to establish the Puritan
community as strict
and judgemental.

Despite the pastors
trying to persuade Hester
to confess, the town doesn't
know who the father is.

Hester is released from
prison and attempts to
provide for Pearl as
a talented seamstress.

Grade 11: Scarlet Letter

Hester recognizes a man
in the crowd.

People believe that
Pearl should be
taken from Hester,
and Hester worries
about the scarlet
letter's influence.

Dimmesdale's health
is failing so he accepts
Chillingworth as a
physician and roommate.

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Pearl is looked
at as an evil imp
child, and she plays

Bellingham questions Pearl's
religious knowledge
to determine if

Chillingworth realizes
Dimmesdale has a
secret and the guilt

with the scarlet letter
 which worries
 Hester.

Hester can keep
 her. Dimmesdale
 convinces the others
 to let Pearl stay with
 Hester.

is making him ill.
 He sees something on
 Dimmesdale's chest.

Dimmesdale's guilt forces him
 onto the scaffold at night
 where Pearl and Hester join him.
 They see a meteor that
 looks like an *A*.

Chillingworth continues
 to change into a greedy,
 desperate creature
 who refuses to change
 so Hester feels she must
 confess to Dimmesdale.

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Dimmesdale has

Hester realizes that

Pearl and Hester

visions of Hester
as he is the baby
daddy!

she is no longer capable
of passion as
the A robbed her
of her affection and love.

meet Dimmesdale in
the forest as Pearl plays
she makes herself an
A.

Hester reveals
Chillingworth's identity
to Dimmesdale, and then
the two discuss running
away together.

Hester dons her letter
again as they prepare
to head back to town
Dimmesdale refuses to hold
Pearl, who seems to despise him,

and Hester's hands.

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Pearl and Hester
 meet Dimmesdale
 in the woods, and
 Pearl connects
 his illness with
 her mother's
 scarlet letter.

They agree to run
 away to Europe
 together, and
 Hester discards
 her letter *A*
 for a moment.

Dimmesdale acts oddly
 as the weight of sin
 burdens him, and he
 writes his election
 sermon as the last
 before he and Hester
 escape.

The important
 people of the

Chillingworth leaves
 his fortune to Pearl

town assemble and
process as a part of
the celebration, and
Dimmesdale ignores
Hester and Pearl.

when he dies allowing
her and Hester to have
a relatively happy life
before Hester returns
to her village to
mentor young women.

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Everyone assembles
in town for the
Election Day
festivities, and Hester
learns that Chillingworth
has booked passage on

Dimmesdale gives his
eloquent sermon but
grows sicker as he progresses.
He then asks Pearl and
Hester to join him
on the scaffold, confesses, and

same ship as she and
Dimmesdale.

rips open his shirt to reveal
his skin marked from his sin.