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## Hester Prynne's Arrival and the Scarlet Letter: Chapters 1-4

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Analyze the theme of public judgment and humiliation in the early chapters of "The Scarlet Letter." How does Hester Prynne's character defy societal expectations in the face of her punishment?
2. Explore the character of Roger Chillingworth and his transformation from a seemingly innocent physician to a vengeful antagonist. What drives his quest for revenge, and how does it impact the story?
3. Discuss the symbolism of the scarlet letter "A" and the scaffold in the novel, and how these symbols shape the narrative and the characters' experiences.
4. How does Nathaniel Hawthorne create tension and conflict in the early chapters of the novel, and what themes and questions emerge from these initial events?

